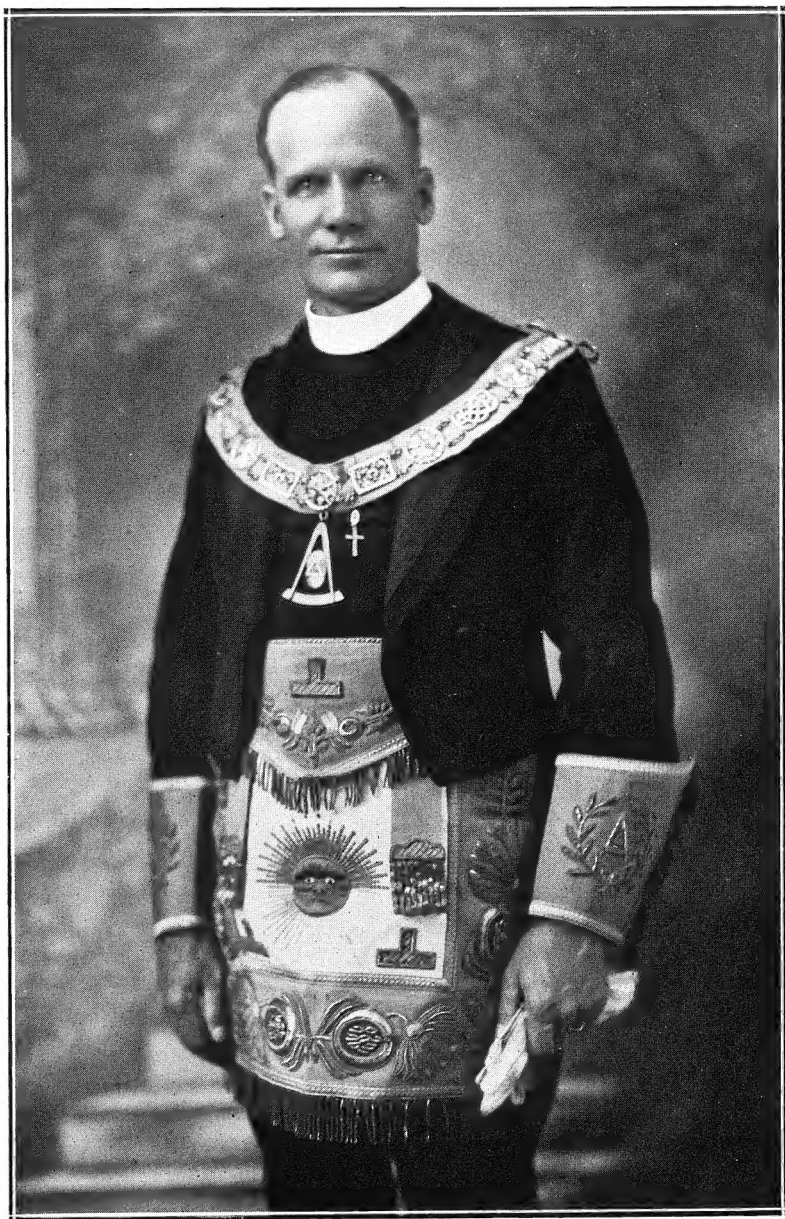




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Grand Master 1929

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OF
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M. W. Bro. J. H. W. S. KEMMIS	-	-	<i>Grand Secretary</i>

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Grand Lodge

SPECIAL COMMUNICATION

The M. W. the Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M., assembled at the City of Edmonton, in the Province of Alberta, on August 24, A.D. 1929, A.L. 5929, at 2:30 o'clock p.m.

PRESENT

M. W. Bro. S. H. Middleton	Grand Master
R. W. Bro. S. M. Snedden	Deputy Grand Master
R. W. Bro. W. W. Yeager	as Senior Grand Warden
R. W. Bro. E. J. Flavin	as Junior Grand Warden
R. W. Bro. Bruce Flavin	as Grand Treasurer
M. W. Bro. J. H. W. S. Kemmis	Grand Secretary
Bro. C. F. McIntosh	as Grand Chaplain
W. Bro. W. T. Coote	as Senior Grand Deacon
R. W. Bro. John T. McCreath	as Junior Grand Deacon
R. W. Bro. Chas. G. Flavin	as Grand Director of Ceremonies
R. W. Bro. Joseph Milner	as Grand Steward
V. W. Bro. R. B. MacKenzie	as Grand Steward
W. Bro. Geo. W. Hazlett	as Grand Steward
W. Bro. Geo. F. Downes	as Grand Steward
R. W. Bro. W. F. W. Carstairs	as Grand Pursuivant
Bro. A. J. Whitby	as Grand Tyler

The Grand Lodge was opened in Ample Form at 2:30 o'clock p.m. by M. W. Bro. S. H. Middleton, Grand Master, who announced that this special communication of Grand Lodge had been called to assist him in laying the corner stone of the Masonic Hall of Acacia Lodge No. 11, Edmonton.

The brethren acting as Grand Lodge officers having received the necessary directions, Grand Lodge was called off and a procession was formed, under the acting Grand Director of Ceremonies, and marched to the site in the prescribed order, taking their proper positions at the North East corner of the building.

The acting Grand Chaplain invoked the Divine Blessing and the Grand Secretary read the following Scroll and deposited it in the cavity of the stone:

IN THE NAME AND BY THE FAVOR OF THE GREAT ARCHITECT OF THE UNIVERSE

On the 24th day of August, A.D. 1929, A.L. 5929, the twentieth year of the reign of Our Gracious Sovereign

GEORGE THE FIFTH

By the Grace of God, of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, and of the British Dominions Beyond the Seas,
KING, Defender of the Faith,

EMPEROR OF INDIA

His Excellency, Lord Willingdon, being Governor-General of the Dominion of Canada.

His Honor, William Egbert, being Lieutenant-Governor of the Province of Alberta.

The Honorable William Lyon MacKenzie King, C.M.G., being Premier of the Dominion of Canada.

The Honorable J. E. Brownlee, being Premier of the Province of Alberta.

His Worship, A. U. G. Bury, being Mayor of the City of Edmonton.

M. W. Bro. Samuel H. Middleton, being Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons.

R. W. Bro. Sylvester M. Snedden, being Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons.

R. W. Bro. Charles G. Flavin, being District Deputy Grand Master of the Tenth Masonic District.

W. Bro. Charles W. Lilley, being Worshipful Master of Acacia Lodge No. 11.

THIS CORNER STONE
of the
MASONIC HALL

was laid by M. W. Bro. Samuel H. Middleton, Grand Master, assisted by the Grand Officers and in the presence of a large concourse of brethren and citizens of Edmonton.

The acting Grand Treasurer deposited the vial containing coins of the Realm in the cavity of the stone.

The Deputy Grand Master, the acting Senior Grand Warden and the acting Junior Grand Warden applied the instruments of their respective offices to the stone after it had been placed in position and announced that the Craft had done their duty.

The Grand Master then consecrated the stone with corn, wine and oil and pronounced it well made, truly laid, well proved, true and trusty.

Addresses were delivered by the Mayor, the M. W. the Grand Master, M. W. Bro. H. C. Taylor, Bro. Thos. Rist and others, following which the procession was reformed and the brethren returned to the lodge room, where Grand Lodge was closed in Ample Form.



Grand Secretary.

Grand Lodge

ANNUAL COMMUNICATION

The Twenty-fifth Annual Communication of the M. W. Grand Lodge of Alberta, Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons, was opened in "The Lodge," Jasper National Park, Province of Alberta, on Wednesday, June 11, A.D. 1930, A.L. 5930, at the hour of 10 o'clock a.m.

PRESENT

GRAND OFFICERS

M.W. Bro. Samuel H. Middleton (58), Cardston	Grand Master
R.W. Bro. Sylvester M. Snedden (91), Ponoka	Deputy Grand Master
R.W. Bro. Bruce Flavin (81), Edmonton	D.D.G.M.
R.W. Bro. Claire C. Hartman (16), Olds	D.D.G.M.
R.W. Bro. Edward H. Mack (32), Claresholm	D.D.G.M.
R.W. Bro. Robert H. Anderson (31), Taber	D.D.G.M.
R.W. Bro. Percy Lee (27), Stettler	D.D.G.M.
R.W. Bro. Chas. G. Flavin (11), Edmonton	D.D.G.M.
R.W. Bro. Richard C. Fitton (116), Spirit River	D.D.G.M.
R.W. Bro. Leslie E. Roach (66), Trochu	D.D.G.M.
R.W. Bro. Fred J. Bessant (107), Carbon	D.D.G.M.
R.W. Bro. Willis W. Yeager (44), Wainwright	D.D.G.M.
R.W. Bro. Geo. W. Kerby (83), Calgary	Senior Grand Warden
R.W. Bro. Gilbert M. Blackstock (35), Medicine Hat	Jr. Grand Ward.
M.W. Bro. J. H. W. S. Kemmis (6), Calgary	Grand Secretary
R.W. Bro. W. T. H. Cripps (29), Red Deer	Grand Chaplain
V.W. Bro. Robert Douglas (4), Lethbridge	Grand Steward
V.W. Bro. Farmer H. Steele (114), Westlock	Grand Steward
R.W. Bro. Percy Fielding (38), Mulga	Grand Tyler

PAST GRAND MASTERS

M.W. Bro. H. C. Taylor (7), Edmonton	Past Grand Master
M.W. Bro. Robert Patterson (3), Macleod	Past Grand Master
M.W. Bro. J. A. Jackson (4), Lethbridge	Past Grand Master
M.W. Bro. J. H. W. S. Kemmis (6), Calgary	Past Grand Master
M.W. Bro. H. P. Reid (14), Edmonton	Past Grand Master
M.W. Bro. A. M. Mitchell (77), Edmonton	Past Grand Master
M.W. Bro. E. A. Braithwaite (7), Edmonton	Past Grand Master

GRAND LODGE REPRESENTATIVES

Alabama	R.W. Bro. E. G. Ironside	Calgary
Arizona	R.W. Bro. Geo. W. Kerby	Calgary
British Columbia	M.W. Bro. J. H. W. S. Kemmis	Calgary
Canada	M.W. Bro. J. A. Jackson	Lethbridge
Colorado	R.W. Bro. H. D. R. Stewart	Calgary
Cuba	R.W. Bro. David McIntosh	Edmonton
Delaware	R.W. Bro. G. M. Blackstock	Medicine Hat
Dist. of Columbia	M.W. Bro. Robert Patterson	Macleod
England	M.W. Bro. E. A. Braithwaite	Edmonton

Florida.....	W. Bro. Chas. W. Boon.....	Edmonton
Illinois.....	R.W. Bro. M. M. Downey.....	Edmonton
Maine.....	R.W. Bro. Chas. G. Flavin.....	Edmonton
Maryland.....	W. Bro. Wm. Betts.....	Cardston
Michigan.....	M.W. Bro. H. C. Taylor.....	Edmonton
Mississippi.....	R.W. Bro. Sam Harris.....	High Prairie
Montana.....	R.W. Bro. W. A. Braisher.....	Carbon
Nevada.....	R.W. Bro. Frank V. Truesdale.....	Calgary
New Brunswick.....	W. Bro. Geo. B. McLeod.....	Edmonton
New Zealand.....	M.W. Bro. A. M. Mitchell.....	Edmonton
Ohio.....	R.W. Bro. S. M. Snedden.....	Ponoka
Rhode Island.....	V.W. Bro. M. C. Wright.....	Edmonton
South Australia.....	R.W. Bro. H. Sandilands.....	Edmonton
South Carolina.....	W. Bro. Geo. T. French.....	Calgary
Texas.....	M.W. Bro. H. P. Reid.....	Edmonton

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R. W. Bro. Claude W. E. Gardiner.....	No. 3
M. W. Bro. Robert Patterson.....	" 3
V. W. Bro. Robert Douglas.....	" 4
M. W. Bro. J. A. Jackson.....	" 4
M. W. Bro. J. H. W. S. Kemmis.....	" 6
M. W. Bro. E. A. Braithwaite.....	" 7
M. W. Bro. H. C. Taylor.....	" 7
W. Bro. A. West.....	" 7
R. W. Bro. Wm. Ireland.....	" 9
W. Bro. Duncan F. Chisholm.....	" 10
R. W. Bro. Chas. G. Flavin.....	" 11
W. Bro. W. A. Graham.....	" 13
W. Bro. Geo. T. Montgomery.....	" 13
M. W. Bro. H. P. Reid.....	" 14
R. W. Bro. H. Sandilands.....	" 14
W. Bro. Geo. E. Wiseman.....	" 15
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W. Bro. M. R. Maybank.....	" 16
W. Bro. Jas. Strath.....	" 16
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W. Bro. Walter Whelpley . . .	" 68
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W. Bro. Lynn Wilson . . .	" 76
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W. Bro. F. J. Hand . . .	W.M.No. 1
W. Bro. D. S. Reid . . .	W.M. " 2
W. Bro. Walter R. Brookes . . .	W.M. " 3
Bro. Morris Bailey . . .	S.W. " 4
W. Bro. J. J. Blewett . . .	W.M. " 7
Bro. A. H. Davis . . .	J.W. " 7
W. Bro. Wm. P. MacDonald . . .	W.M. " 11
W. Bro. R. W. J. Christie . . .	W.M. " 14
W. Bro. A. D. Irving . . .	W.M. " 15
W. Bro. Thos. A. Stewart . . .	W.M. " 18
W. Bro. John Miller . . .	W.M. " 19
W. Bro. Wm. Fisher . . .	W.M. " 22
W. Bro. M. F. Thomas . . .	W.M. " 25
W. Bro. Robert F. Barnes . . .	W.M. " 30

Bro. Norman W. Allin..	S.W.	No. 34
W. Bro. John Hill	W.M.	" 35
W. Bro. Thos. Scott	W.M.	" 37
W. Bro. Wm. Rust	W.M.	" 39
Bro. M. C. Hammond	S.W.	" 46
W. Bro. R. T. Wright	W.M.	" 50
Bro. J. J. Chorley	S.W.	" 51
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Bro. Thos. W. Snowden	J.W.	" 57
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Bro. W. H. Riley	J.W.	" 62
W. Bro. Geo. Edgecombe	W.M.	" 63
Bro. F. W. Rymer	J.W.	" 63
Bro. Daniel W. Mathers	J.W.	" 66
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W. Bro. Geo. M. Little	W.M.	" 69
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W. Bro. Joseph Mansell	W.M.	" 80
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Bro. C. H. T. Dunkley	S.W.	" 81
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W. Bro. Elmer A. Harper	W.M.	" 86
W. Bro. Thomas Watson	W.M.	" 87
W. Bro. Robert MacQuarrie	W.M.	" 90
W. Bro. John R. Dey	W.M.	" 91
W. Bro. Geo. Plasteras	W.M.	" 92
Bro. W. L. Sharp	S.W.	" 92
W. Bro. Wm. John Fleming	W.M.	" 96
Bro. I. M. Coover	J.W.	" 100
W. Bro. Jas. Fearn	W.M.	" 101
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OPENING

A constitutional number of lodges being represented, the Grand Lodge was opened in AMPLE FORM and with prayer.

The M. W. the Grand Master granted permission for the admission of all Master Masons in good standing as visitors.

ADDRESS OF WELCOME

M. W. Bro. A. M. Mitchell was directed by the M. W. the Grand Master to retire and introduce the Superintendent of Jasper National Park, Bro. R. H. Knight, who briefly extended a cordial welcome to the members of Grand Lodge, to the greatest of Canada's National Playgrounds—a park comprising an area of 4505 square miles, of magnificent mountains, valleys, glaciers, rivers and lakes. He expressed the hope that the members would be able to spare a little time from their labors to see some of the scenic beauty of the park.

RECEPTION OF GRAND REPRESENTATIVES

The Grand Secretary, at the request of the M. W. the Grand Master, called the roll of Grand Representatives near this Grand Lodge, and the Representatives present extended fraternal greetings of their respective jurisdictions to the Grand Master. They were then welcomed with Grand Honors and the Grand Master expressed his pleasure at receiving greetings from so many Grand Jurisdictions on this the Twenty-fifth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, and asked them to convey to their Grand Lodges his fraternal greetings and the hope that the cordial relations existing during the past twenty-five years would be still further cemented by the friendly intercourse of future years.

M. W. Bro. E. A. Braithwaite, Grand Representative of the United Grand Lodge of England near this Grand Lodge, in reply, congratulated the Grand Master and the Grand Lodge of Alberta on the successful completion of the first quarter century of existence as a Grand Jurisdiction. He briefly traced the rise of Grand Lodge from a membership of about eleven hundred in eighteen lodges, scattered over a vast and little known territory, with primitive means of communication and contrasted those conditions with the present—modern cities, graded highways and a network of railways covering the province, in which the Grand Lodge now claims more than 14,000 members in 156 lodges.

MINUTES

Resolved, on motion of M. W. Bro. A. M. Mitchell (77), seconded by R. W. Bro. D. McIntosh (51), "That the minutes of the Proceedings of the Grand Lodge at the Twenty-fourth Annual Communication, held in the City of Lethbridge, on June 12th and 13th, 1929, and as appeared in the printed Proceedings, be taken as read and confirmed."

Grand Master's Address

To the Most Worshipful, the Grand Lodge of Alberta,
Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons.

My Brethren:

A year ago I received at your hands the mandate to guide the destiny of Masonry within the confines of our far-flung jurisdiction. The position of Grand Master is no sinecure; it is one which carries alike the highest honour and prestige, likewise great responsibility and trust. In discharging the pleasing and onerous duties which have devolved upon me during the past year, I have always endeavored to bear evidence of the universal prestige accorded our Order and have further demanded a similar reciprocity of recognition amongst the brethren.

My first official duty after being installed was to present M. W. Bro. A. M. Mitchell with a set of Past Grand Master's regalia. This was indeed a most pleasing duty, for I was well assured that the presentation was fully merited after his having hewn such a broad and courageous path, during his year as Grand Master. "Concilio et Animis."

Men seldom attain all the objectives toward which they strive, and during my term as Grand Master it has been my lot to fall far short of the goal which I had in mind a year ago. Perhaps the goal was unattainable, but I still maintain that it is better—far better—to fail in striving for a high ideal than to succeed in planting something low and ignoble.

Havergal reminds us that:

"The easy path in the lowlands
Hath little of grand or new,
But the steep ascent leads on
To a wide and glorious view."

It has oft-times been said that we linger in the low and misty valleys when we might be climbing the sunlit peaks above. I take it to be a great step toward real achievement, for any man, to work, strive and endure to reach a higher level which may mean for him an enlarged vision, and the development of character and ability.

To meet here at Jasper Park—Canada's National Playground—the top of the world, "Far from the madding crowd," in the midst of God's scenic wonders, I am reminded that—

"Our footsteps press, where centuries ago,
The red men fought and conquered,
Lost and won."

We are reminded, too, by the handiwork of the Great Architect of the Universe. Mountains sharply gabled rear their sawtooth edges to the clouds: Prehistoric glaciers lie shelved above precipices, down from which numerous waterfalls cascade from everlasting snow in misty torrents and rainbow traceries. Blasted pines with their scarred tops, which seem to have stood for centuries, tend to remind

us of the prophets of old with upward pointing fingers. Myriad wild flowers in profusion carpet the very path we tread.

In the midst of this majestic grandeur we realize the emotion of standing on holy ground—awe and reverence seem to take possession and we understand why the human heart, tossed about by worldly care, finds solace in the silent sympathy of Nature. To this spot therefore, and to the Twenty-fifth Annual Communication of Grand Lodge, I extend you a hearty welcome. May the blessing of the Most High in His Supreme wisdom, temper your deliberations with knowledge and concord, your actions with judgment and understanding, your thoughts with charity and renewed vision.

NECROLOGY

God in His infinite wisdom has seen fit during the past year to take unto Himself one hundred and forty-two of our brethren. The Roll of our Grand Officers we are pleased to state is still intact, although W. Bro. Donald Campbell, of Joppa Lodge No. 40, D.D.G.M. Elect, was called to a higher sphere on Sunday, February 23rd, 1930. In company with several Grand Lodge officers and one hundred of the brethren, I was present at the funeral service when we paid our last respects at the graveside.

We have just received word of the passing of W. Bro. James Brogden at Pasadena, Calif., on June 7th, at the extreme age of 96. This veteran brother was Master of Bow River Lodge in 1885-6. He retained his faculties to the last and kept up his correspondence with the lodge.

"Therefore, seeing we are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight and run with patience the race that is set before us."

"O, Death, where is thy sting, O, grave—thy victory."

Death has been passing throughout the Masonic world placing his hand on the lights of the Order. So God stains the glory of human greatness, and levels with the lowest the loftiest trees of the forest. The very groundwork of the solemn lesson is that we must all die;—that death is a human thing—a mark of manhood; that death and humanity are in this world inseparable. Each setting sun flames out in warning colours that life's sunset is also at hand. Each autumn's decay, shedding leaves and flowers and fruit into a wintry grave, is a type to our saddened eye of the parallel scene when all our honours shall be gathered into dust. Each night that receives us into slumber, pictures the dreamless sleep that comes after the fatigue of life's battles and burdens.

"We bless Thy holy name for these and all Thy servants departed this life in Thy faith and fear; beseeching Thee to give us grace so to follow their good examples, that with them, we may be partakers of Thy Heavenly Kingdom. Grant this O Father for Thy great name's sake."

CONDITION OF THE CRAFT

He would be a clever man indeed who could give an accurate diagnosis of things Masonic in this jurisdiction. Financially, we are sound, but in view of the legitimate demands being made consider a re-adjustment necessary. This aspect however is being dealt with under another heading.

Our membership is now over the fourteen thousand mark, one thousand and four being added to our ranks this year, although dismissions and suspensions give a decrease of five hundred and thirty-two.

In the capital city there is great enthusiasm being displayed, as a new Temple costing approximately \$150,000 is now in course of erection. Following so close on the completion of the splendid Temple in Calgary one is tempted to add that financially, Masonry in the cities is very strong. It likewise exhibits great strength intellectually and spiritually.

When four to five hundred Masons will assemble together at lodge, each giving of his best, and express eagerness to listen to an address on citizenship, given by a well-skilled brother, it is obvious that the interest in both State and Craft is being maintained and developed. In the far north several brethren travelled over two hundred miles to attend the District Meeting. In the south the tenets and principles of the Order are being expounded regularly and much benefit is derived therefrom. Along the eastern boundary, at the urgent request of several active brothers, a lodge has recently been instituted, which now provides Masonic fellowship to many scattered over the wind-swept prairies. In the west, Masonry is flourishing and its members are ever in the vanguard of things progressive. Speaking generally I would say that Masonry is more active, robust and progressive than at any time in the past. Several reasons may be advanced for this condition. A feeling of permanency is gradually being attained in most of our towns and cities, and along with this solidarity, comes the impulse to erect a superstructure on the foundations laid by our forbears. Lodges are building Masonic Halls; brethren who were once satisfied with the small rented "Upper Room" are fast acquiring permanent quarters, while others are combining their forces in order to erect still more stately edifices.

Further, the phenomenal influx within our portals in the immediate post-war days is now a thing of the past, and a normal increase has again become established. The "Joiners"—"erstwhile members of a club" to whom our teachings had no appeal—failing to measure up to the standard of our Order, have taken their dimits and like Noah's dove are hovering around seeking a resting place more suited to their ideas of fellowship. Those remaining are a decided asset and are fast proving their worth by developing a stimulus to further research and endeavor.

Again, one is struck by the number of apparently young Masons who are now filling the chairs. Such is to our mutual benefit, for they bring a spirit of enquiry, eagerness—assertiveness—not being satisfied with the husks of mere happenings, but are bold, and rightly demand an answer to their impulsive aspirations for greater Masonic knowledge and teaching. Wherever you go, from the most advanced city lodge, manned by strong and piercing intellect, to the struggling few of remote hamlets, there is this same spirit of expectancy—buoyant, ever responsive to effective and efficient leadership.

I am therefore led to the conclusion that the condition of the Craft, mentally, morally and spiritually, is far above the average and bids fair for greater advancement in the years to come.

LAYING OF CORNER STONE

On August 24th I travelled from Great Falls, Montana, (where I had been attending their Grand Lodge communication) to Edmonton

in order to accept the invitation of Acacia Lodge to lay the corner stone of their new Masonic Hall. Accordingly, on the following afternoon, accompanied by the Grand Secretary M. W. Bro. J. H. W. S. Kemmis, M. W. Bro. Judge Taylor, P.G.M., the District Deputy Grand Master, R. W. Bro. Chas. Flavin and other Grand Lodge officers, I had the honor of laying the corner stone of the new Acacia Hall. His Worship the Mayor of Edmonton, Bro. A. U. G. Bury, was present and gave an interesting address. At the conclusion of the ceremony I was asked to present a trowel to Bro. Thomas Rist, one of the most enthusiastic members of Acacia Lodge. I was also the recipient of a trowel on this occasion which is one of my most treasured Masonic possessions. The members of Acacia Lodge are to be congratulated on their efforts towards bringing to completion this splendid edifice. It reflects great credit on the lodge, Grand Lodge and also the City of Edmonton.

FOREIGN RELATIONS

It gives me pleasure to report that peace and harmony reign between this Grand Lodge and all other Grand Lodges with which fraternal relations have been established. The Grand Lodge of Alberta is now a quarter of a century old and no system of recognition or standard tests of fraternal relationship with other Grand Bodies has yet been defined or adopted. A report dealing with this matter will be submitted during this communication for your consideration. The question is one of far-reaching import, as Masons from other jurisdictions with which we are not in fraternal relations, are already seeking entrance into our portals. I would therefore recommend this subject to your serious consideration. May the present cordial relations continue indefinitely.

DEDICATIONS

Thursday, October 17.—Cairo Lodge, No. 32, Claresholm.

Friday, October 25.—Carstairs Lodge, No. 20, Carstairs.

Sunday, December 1.—Acacia Lodge, No. 11, Edmonton.

Wednesday, December 4.—King Solomon Lodge, No. 41, Cochrane.

Friday, December 6.—Chief Mountain Lodge, No. 58, Cardston.

I wish to express appreciation to M. W. Bro. F. S. Selwood, P.G.M., and R. W. Bro. W. M. Peel, D.D.G.M., for officiating at the dedication of King Solomon Lodge. Unfortunately I had another engagement and was thus unable to be present.

CHARTERS

In compliance with instructions of the last communication of Grand Lodge, charters were issued to Whitecourt Lodge No. 153 at Whitecourt; Waskatenau Lodge, No. 154, at Waskatenau; and Earl Haig Lodge, No. 155, at Barrhead. I was able to constitute and consecrate Waskatenau and Earl Haig Lodges and R. W. Bro. S. M. Snedden, Deputy Grand Master, kindly performed the ceremonies at Whitecourt.

NEW LODGES

I granted dispensations for the formation of two new lodges: Hythe Lodge at Hythe, near the western boundary of the Grande Prairie district, in Masonic District No. 13, and Berry Creek Lodge at Pollockville in Masonic District No. 14. These lodges were instituted at my request, by R. W. Bros. R. C. Fitton and Chas. Stewart, D.D. G.M.'s of the respective districts.

COMMISSIONS

Charges having been laid against the Master of a lodge, I appointed a Commission to investigate the matter. I am glad to say the commission were able to bring about an amicable settlement to the satisfaction of all concerned.

VISITATIONS TO SISTER JURISDICTIONS

A cordial invitation was received to attend the 74th Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Canada (in the Province of Ontario), at Ottawa. I also received an invitation to attend a Special Communication of Cascade Lodge of Vancouver, at which the Grand Lodge officers of the neighboring jurisdictions of Washington and Oregon were to be present. Owing to pressure of business, I was unable to accept these invitations.

Fortunately, however, the invitation to attend the Grand Lodge of Montana at Great Falls arrived during the vacation of last summer, which I was pleased to accept. The visit to an American Grand Lodge was of great interest, first from an educational standpoint, second from the international aspect. To the Past Grand Masters of Montana I wish to pay tribute. They are men who have borne the burden and heat of the day—many were frontiersmen. They laid strong foundations on which a creditable and attractive superstructure is being erected. I was honored by being elected as an Honorary Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Montana. Their generous hospitality was unstinted in its liberality.

REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES

Acting in accordance with resolutions passed at the meeting of last Grand Lodge, requesting the Grand Master to appoint committees dealing with:

(1.) The "Work,"

(2.) "Publication of a Quarterly Bulletin,"

I appointed committees accordingly.

I understand reports have been prepared by the brethren of these committees and will be presented for the consideration of Grand Lodge. Practical experience, combined with fidelity and devotion to the best interests of the Craft have been the leading factors in their deliberations. Whatever may be incorporated in the reports I would earnestly commend to the serious attention of all present.

DECISIONS

I ruled that in view of the action taken at the last communication of Grand Lodge regarding the wearing of regalia at church parades, that no dispensations other than the four under consideration at that time would be issued.

I refused to grant dispensation to re-ballot on three candidates after a regular ballot had been taken and the W. M. having declared the ballot unfavorable.

Dispensation was refused to "run off a class of five" at less time than that required by the Constitution.

I ruled that the question of extending official recognition to the "Order of De Molay" should be referred to Grand Lodge.

I refused to grant the request of a brother to publish Masonic information concerning the activities of this Grand Jurisdiction.

I refused to grant dispensation to confer a degree on three candidates within the period prescribed by the Constitution.

I ruled that a brother occupying the position of W. M. of a lodge (U.D.) for a period of nine months and then severing his connection therewith was not entitled to the rank of Past Master.

Acting on the recommendation of the D.D.G.M. and the immediate P.D.D.G.M., I refused permission in two cases to institute new lodges in two small towns.

I refused dispensation for a lodge to accept application for initiation from a candidate who was minus residence qualifications.

I refused an application to have the annual election of officers annulled when it was proven that the said officers were elected in a "just, perfect and regular" lodge.

I refused to grant dispensation to hold a Masonic funeral for a brother who was suspended at the time of his death.

I refused to grant a dispensation to enable a lodge to elect and invest a Secretary on the 12th of June as Grand Lodge would be in session on that date and their meeting would take place after my successor had been installed.

I ruled that a "collective ballot" taken for three candidates was irregular and therefore ordered an individual ballot to be taken.

I held that the objection raised by a brother under Section 203 of the Constitution was valid and therefore declared the candidate rejected.

I ruled that two lodges having accepted applications for initiation contrary to the method required by the Constitution, the election in each case was null and void.

TWENTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY

On October 12th, 1905, the Grand Lodge of Alberta first saw light. In these days of rapid transition it is a far cry from 1905 to 1930. Alberta at that date, as a place of authentic history, was but in swaddling clothes, just a month old. Today, she ranks as the most progressive Province in the whole Dominion of Canada. Grand Lodge this year celebrates her Silver Anniversary. Could time permit I would revel in a slight digression giving an account of the actual formation of Grand Lodge, but such is reserved for those who can speak for themselves; many, we are thankful to say, are here today. It would be most fitting to mark this first quarter century of our history by calling a Special Communication of Grand Lodge on or as near October 12th as possible in order to express our devotion and appreciation to the Pioneers and Founders, and to leave on record our gratitude to the Most High for the many blessings vouchsafed during the past quarter of a century.

I would therefore recommend:

1. That a committee be appointed to make whatever arrangements Grand Lodge may consider necessary for the celebration of this event.
2. That a grant be specifically designated for this purpose.
3. That a "History of the Grand Lodge of Alberta" from its inception be written and ready for distribution by October 1st of this year.

SUSPENSIONS

Several regrettable cases have come to my attention during the past year regarding suspended brethren. Whether it is due to a lack of knowledge, sheer indifference or a deliberate attempt to become suspended is a matter of no small moment. Suffice it to say, the fact of a suspended brother "passing within the veil" oft-times leaves havoc in its train, for after death his Masonic inheritance cannot be restored. Two such cases have recently happened where the relatives and friends urgently desired a Masonic funeral. Our Constitution, likewise Masonic Jurists, rule otherwise. It caused much heart-burning to render a negative decision, yet obviously there was no other course to adopt.

Suspension, while it lasts, is practically the same as expulsion, inasmuch as for the time being the brother concerned is absolutely without any Masonic rights or privileges. I feel convinced that if the brethren realized the real significance of being suspended, there would be fewer cases brought to our notice. No Mason should take self-righteous comfort in the oft-heard claim "Once a Mason, always a Mason," for such a statement is misleading and has no significance. Some men admitted to the Fraternity never become Masons, but are purely lodge members, while others at some period in their Masonic career, become suspended for one weakness or another even though they may still wear a Masonic emblem. A man is a Mason in the word's full meaning only while he is laboring with all his energies for the principles of the Craft, when he takes an active interest and assumes his share of the responsibility for the mental, moral, financial and material progress of his lodge. Unfortunately, many members do not give their all, being drones in the hive of industry, who are content to leave to others work they should do. Although they may boast of membership in a lodge, they are not Masons. They have laboriously learned the letter of the ritual at the sacrifice of the spirit that animated the phrases. Occasionally, there are Masons, who from personal pique, lack of interest and their failure to measure up to the bigness of the Order, wittingly or unwittingly, place themselves in this category and turn their backs on Masonry and things Masonic. While we may have compassion on these, the good of the Institution should not be endangered by continuing to hold them up as Masons. Just as no man has the right to demand that he be made a Mason, neither should he be accorded the privilege of remaining a Mason if he has become through his own neglect and indifference a charge on the Fraternity at large. The fact that a man has once been a Mason does not entitle him to Masonic fellowship or consideration, if through his own acts he has ceased to be worthy of the same.

ADMINISTRATION

During the recess of Grand Lodge, between one annual Communication and another, the general administration of Grand Lodge devolves upon the Grand Master and Grand Secretary. I want at this juncture to pay honor where honor is due.

Words fail to paint the service and co-operation rendered by the Grand Secretary, M. W. Bro. J. H. W. S. Kemmis. In him you will find a blending of ancient traditions with modern endeavor. He is the real vital power behind the throne. Always ready to assist in every movement, combining a profound and deep knowledge of the lore of the Craft with a keen grasp to extend Masonic service, it has been a pleasure and privilege to spend hours and days in his company, which has made the vision more clear, and the duty of Grand Master a work of pleasure and love. My admiration for him, his office staff, and for his helpfulness cannot be expressed by mere words. Our—

"Friendship like a noble river
Rolls its peaceful waters by."

No Mason watching the progress of the Craft will deny the existence of an increasing spirit of enquiry among the Brethren as to how their affairs are managed by Grand Lodge. It should not be forgotten that Grand Lodge is a business, as well as a legislative body; it possesses property, and has large financial dealings. In view of the increasing and pressing demands, the provision for ensuring a larger revenue is strangely inadequate. The income of Grand Lodge is derived from two sources—(1.) Permanent; (2.) Casual.

Permanent income comprises registration fees, fees for certificates, interest from accumulated funds, fees for new warrants and the amount levied by the Constitution, \$1.50 on each member. The Casual sources of income are not important as regards their amount. Sales of stationery, and Lodge supplies and fees for dispensations, etc., go to make up the grand total. Their significance, however, compared to the total revenue, is very slight.

Taking a basis of 14,000 active members, this produces a revenue of \$21,000.00 per annum. According to the Constitution \$14,000.00 of this amount is needed for Benevolent purposes, \$7,000.00 being paid to the capital account of the Benevolent Fund and \$7,000.000 for Masonic Relief. The balance, \$7,000.00, is not enough to cover the expenses of general administration. During the decade just passed—1920 to 1930—there has been a gradual increase in the operating expenses as will be seen by the following table of figures:

1920....	\$6294.41
1921.....	7994.18
1922.....	8360.17
1923.....	8950.76
1924.....	8807.69
1925.....	8687.76
1926.....	9679.72
1927.....	8872.76
1928.....	8885.46
1929.....	10873.10
1930.....	11188.59

A difference of \$1,578.69 in excess of ten years ago, shows where we stand to-day. Admittedly unforeseen expenses are incorporated in these gradual increases, hence my reason for bringing this to your attention. In the natural course of events, unforeseen contingencies are bound to occur. Moreover, greater demands have and will be made on this fund. Requests, which are quite legitimate, for the extension of our forces, to increase and retain the general interest of the brethren, financial endeavours to which we all aspire, must of necessity be met if we are to cope with the expressed requirements which are coming apace. For this reason, therefore, after consulting many Grand Lodge officers and several Past Grand Masters, I would recommend with all seriousness that a committee be appointed to submit to this Communication of Grand Lodge a recommendation as to the advisability or otherwise of increasing the annual dues to Grand Lodge.

DISTRICT MEETINGS.

Happy is the man who conceived the idea of establishing District Meetings, for he has wrought a good work. I am very pleased to state that I was able to attend all the District Meetings, with the exception of No. 9, at Castor. Later in the year, however, I visited this District, and a splendid meeting was convened at Stettler under the direction of R. W. Bro. Percy Lee, D.D.G.M., I was thus enabled to complete the itinerary arranged.

Commencing in August at Fairview, Peace River, and concluding at Edmonton in December, thereby making a complete tour of the jurisdiction over the seventeen districts, a series of remarkable meetings was held. Remarkable insofar that peace, harmony, unanimity and genuine inspiration characterized each and every meetings. The Master Mason's degree was the one chosen for exemplification. The meetings were well attended; in many cases the halls were filled to capacity; enthusiasm ran high and a keen desire for Masonic knowledge was manifest.

While the District Meetings is obviously under the direction of the D.D.G.M., a feeling has been developed either wittingly or unwittingly, during the past years, that owing to the presence of the Grand Master the policy of Grand Lodge must be enunciated at these meetings. Having realized this state of Masonic psychology for some time past I accordingly issued a circular letter to each D.D.G.M. outlining a uniform policy of education and instruction to be consistently maintained throughout the whole jurisdiction. For the benefit of all concerned the letter is herewith incorporated:

OFFICE OF THE GRAND MASTER, CARDSTON.

September 4th, 1929.

For the information of the District Deputy Grand Masters and other Grand Lodge Officers.

Make every visit an EDUCATIONAL CAMPAIGN, and emphasize at least, one or all of the following points:—

1. *Educational.*—Explain the "Why," "Wherefore" and "How," etc, of the apparent ambiguities of Masonic ceremonies and ritual.

'Quell no brother's curiosity to ask questions, but rather stimulate his desire for further research. (If any questions are asked which fail to elicit a satisfactory answer, write me a letter and I will endeavour to give the necessary explanation.)

2. *Financial*.—Emphasize the need for paying all Grand Lodge dues. Inform the brethren what has been accomplished by the Benevolent Fund, and indicate the reasons for extending and increasing this particular Fund. Explain the method of administration by which the Grand Lodge is financed.

3. *Non-Affiliated Masons*.—Let it be widely known that a non-affiliated brother is deprived of all Masonic privileges. Extend a personal invitation to these brethren to apply for affiliation. Masonry needs active members, not sleeping partners.

4. *Landmarks*.—Maintain the ancient Landmarks. Too little is known where our strength exists. An address on this subject would be appreciated.

5. *Loyalty*.—To the ORDER and to COUNTRY. Suggest that tangible evidence be shown by displaying a Flag in the Lodge Room.

To say that all the points herein mentioned met with ready affirmation would be tantamount to admitting that the whole jurisdiction is one hundred per cent. efficient. Such is not the case. All the degrees conferred at these meetings were creditably rendered. In some cases they were letter perfect and the rendition was all that could be desired, but the "How," "Why" and "Wherefore" seem to pass understanding. Herein, I am led to believe from observation, lies our future strength for the District Meetings. The conferring of degrees at these meetings has become mechanical, and I heartily endorse the suggestion of my immediate predecessor that degree work at District Meetings could be profitably deleted from the programme. In the cities, in the country lodges, and even to the very frontier lines of our far-flung jurisdiction the desire for definite Masonic teaching and education is the dominating passion. This can be satisfied not by inspirational addresses only, but by arranging for a speaker or speakers who must be prominent in the Craft and progressive in Masonic study and research, and who moreover must be chosen for their ability in presenting the subjects in a clear and concise manner. A speaker who will explain to a District Meeting why we address the Great Architect of the Universe in the first degree, the Grand Geometrician in the second and the Most High in the third, and extend his remarks by telling why the heel is slipshod, why the lodges have a touch of Druidistic flavour; why the Ritual savours more of the poetry of Milton and Chaucer than the proverbs of Solomon; and why the genuine secrets were lost, will never fail to grip and hold his audience. These things are what the brethren need at the District Meetings, more than listening to the parrot-like rendition of the accustomed degree.

This leads me to the point of saying a word regarding the selection of D.D.G.M.'s. Much of the power and responsibility of the Grand Master is transmitted through the District Deputies. They constitute an important factor in the government of Grand Lodge. They should know the ritual, be well skilled in Masonic law, possess a working knowledge of the Constitution, and be leaders. I have long maintained that the success or failure of a lodge has often been due to the promotion of a brother who was either well fitted for the position or utterly incapable of the essential genius of effective leadership. Masonry gets nothing out of the services of such a brother, and he in turn obtains

nothing but a doubtful honour. District Deputies should be chosen, not for their capabilities as good fellows, but for their ability to teach, instruct, lead and inspire the brethren to follow their example. A trained and disciplined man is of greater value to the Craft than one who is not. He has become capable of co-ordinated effort. Every Master Mason is a potential Grand Master. In order therefore to equip himself for greater responsibility and future leadership he should read, mark, learn and inwardly digest all that pertains to Masonry, so that he may be a leader not only in name, but in every act, word and deed.

DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS.

It has been a source of distinct pleasure to me in visiting the various districts and District Meetings to note the proficiency of the officers in the ritualistic work. The standard of excellence in the rendition of the degrees attained by the brethren is an evidence of the deep interest which the District Deputies have promoted in their respective districts. This is but one of the many evidences of hard work and faithful endeavour produced by these brethren who give their time unremittingly to this important part of their onerous duties.

Their willing, cheerful, prompt and courteous compliance with all demands have but increased the measure of my regard for them, and no praise which I might bestow could adequately express my appreciation for their valued services and assistance. I am very grateful, indeed, for their loyalty and co-operation.

NON-ATTENDANCE

Many are complaining to-day that the attendance at lodge meetings is not numerically strong, and that there is a lack of interest amongst many of the brethren. It is very interesting to read in this connection, on almost two-thirds of the lodge notices, the following admonition: "From ancient times no Master or fellow could be absent from his lodge, especially when warned to appear, without incurring a severe censure unless it appeared to the Master that pure necessity hindered him." That "pure necessity" receives a wide interpretation is obvious from the off-times poor attendance noticed.

While the complexities of our modern age, which make so many demands on a person's leisure hours, may to a certain extent be responsible for the small attendance, the lodge itself, however, is not entirely free from censure. May I offer one or two suggestions wherein I think a remedy may be found to obviate this all too apparent weakness. A degree conferred in a lax and slovenly manner is not likely to retain the interest of the candidate nor yet arouse the latent desire for knowledge of the average brother. This slackness in conferring degrees, failing to open the lodge punctually on time, regarding the "Blue Lodge" degrees as an avenue of approach to something else, an imperfect rendition of the work, are doing more to empty our lodges than anything I know. The Master should open the lodge upon every occasion punctually at the hour stated in the summons. He should be supported in this by his officers. He and they should always be clothed and in their seats before the time and as the hour strikes the Master's gavel should sound. Certainly the general attendance would be far more punctual and not less numerous. What member cares to sit through the ceremonies when the degree work drags, when the officers are placed in the attitude of school children striving to master some little play, when they blunder through their parts, to the disgust of the well informed and the contempt or amusement of the newly initiated? There is no doubt in my mind that the lodge attendance is affected to a considerable

extent by the officers' neglect of their duty. Some members would always attend the meetings while others would never be on hand in any event. But there is a large element between these extremes, that will, or will not, attend according as the officers show an interest in their being present on time, and as the work moves rapidly and smoothly.

The very title of the ritual is "Work." Why accept the privilege of office unless we are prepared to assume proportionate responsibilities? Unless we love it and are enthusiastic about it, work is the badge of servitude and slavery. On the contrary it has been said "Work is the weapon of honour, and he who lacks it will never prosper." It is further stated, "There is no excellence without great labour," and to obtain the wages, rewards, privileges and promotion in the Craft one must toil enthusiastically and intelligently. There are few things accomplished in life without preparation. Why destroy the Utopian conception of Masonry as retained on the mind of the initiates by ludicrous representations? It is an irresponsible loss both to the candidate and the Craft. The focus of his receptive mind has been perverted from the sublime to the ridiculous. We cannot raise men to a higher plane than our own level, and neither can we have good successful lodges unless we are more enthusiastic ourselves. When listening to the complaints about non-attendance I sometimes think we are in need of a new vision, because it is of paramount importance that the candidate should be imbued with a deep sense of reverence for the Order, that he may absorb all the Divine lessons of humanity and thereby become a better citizen in consequence of his acceptance as a Mason.

To answer an inquiry regarding the Cable Tow. The length of the Cable Tow is the distance within which attendance at the lodge is deemed obligatory upon a Master Mason. In the old charges it varies from five to fifty miles. Nowadays it seems to be made of elastic. The collars worn by the officers are said to be survivals of the Cable Tow. Therefore, in concluding this brief digression about non-attendance, be ye steadfast in your attendance at lodge, unmovable in your enthusiasm for greater activity, always abounding in the works of fraternal love.

MASONIC MEANDERINGS.

During the past year I have travelled 11,059 miles in the execution of my duty. Every mile post has carried with it a genuine hand shake and a blessing from every lodge and District Meeting. An invaluable esson has been reaped.

Barely a week after being installed I was present at the "Raising" of a clerical brother who is now rector of a large city parish. This was the beginning of a year's eventful stewardship. The visit to a small country lodge when the W.M. and his officers were obviously constrained at the sight of so much gold lace and tinsel, brought with it the reprisal of seeing work well done.

An outstanding event was the visit to Ashlar Lodge, No. 28, Calgary, last September, which was specially convened to extend welcome and greetings to the delegates attending the Provincial Synod. Past and present Grand Lodge officers from the jurisdictions of Ontario, Manitoba, Saskatchewan and British Columbia formed an array of some twenty in number. The detailed management of the meeting and banquet was only equalled by the excellence of the speeches—veritably it was a feast of Masonic eloquence. Our gratitude is herewith publicly expressed to the W. M. and officers of Ashlar Lodge for the generous opportunity thus afforded in entertaining so many distinguished Masons.

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It does not require the genius of a prophet to predict that the Peace River country is destined in the near future to rank as Alberta number two. Agriculturally and commercially the vast resources have scarcely been touched. Towns are springing up over-night, and the population is increasing by leaps and bounds. Masonically, the principles and tenets of the Craft have long since been put to the test and were not found wanting.

The thriving lodge at the end of the steel in one direction, sending its members into the interior of the vast north-land, and the lodge now working under dispensation at the extreme west are both indicative that the stalwart Masonic pioneer, blazing trails for the good of the Order, is still weaving romance with reality.

In the course of one's official duties all exacting formalities tend to form a chain of Masonic succession. This chain, however, was broken last Christmas by R.W. Bro. D. D. Penman, D.D.G.M., who presented me with a gavel of most exquisite workmanship. Totally unexpected, it arrived in the form of a Christmas present—one which will always be highly treasured and a tangible reminder of my term as Grand Master. The gavel is being used, officially, for the first time to-day. I appreciate so acceptable a gift more than words can express. In Masonic parlance, we shall both "remain within sound of the gavel." *Auctor pretiosa Facit.*

When visiting a certain city lodge (whose fame has long since crossed the lines of our own jurisdiction), I was requested at the closing to stand aside. Immediately afterwards the officers left their stations assembled around the altar and participated in a short, yet very impressive ceremony of saluting the "Colours," at the close of which one verse of the National Anthem was sung. The whole act was carried out with dignity and precision, and was a visible display of loyalty. The V. O. T. S. L. indicating allegiance to the Most High, and the Flag, symbol of King and Country, were thus conjoined together in one act of faith and loyalty. In many lodges the flag is never seen, yet in thinking later about this rather impressive ceremony, it was borne upon me that the very nature of our obligation as Masons is such that no opportunity should be omitted to renew and ever keep before us the allegiance we owe to our country and to manifest everywhere and at all times our respect and veneration for the symbol of a great Dominion and a still greater Empire. Therefore, believing that every Mason should be loyal to his country, true to his government and obedient to its laws, I would urgently suggest that as a stimulus and means to that end, a Canadian Flag be displayed by each lodge at its every meeting.

On another occasion I was present at a meeting when the W. M. gave a ruling in absolute contradiction to the Constitution. Needless to say the error was immediately rectified. Too much stress cannot be laid on the fact that the Book of Constitution is recommended for our most serious perusal and contemplation, and no difficulty can possibly arise in connection with the administration of a lodge which a reference to that book will not solve. This surely comes under Masonic education, and I would urge every member to thoroughly master its contents, and such would obviate many of the apparent difficulties which are constantly arising.

We are told that one extreme will always produce its opposite. This was brought forcibly to my mind after visiting two lodges. One was the essence of propriety, dignity, precision, and candour, possibly verging on the austere side nevertheless, very satisfying. The other was easy—too easy, unmethodical, constantly "calling off"; brethren

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were smoking indiscriminately, while the V. O. T. S. L. was lying open on the altar. In case of making a choice between the two I would much prefer the former, because the latter tends to produce a general slackness and a disregard for things Masonic. Surely a slight reform is needed in this connection. In some lodges there is so much freedom allowed that license has taken the place of dignity. In others the lodge is made to resemble a general smoking room. Such slackness is unbecoming of a real lodge. If there is a place on earth next to the Church of God where reverence should be found and dignity observed, it is that place where a Masonic meeting is in session. I pass this on for your consideration, because I feel convinced that if we would inaugurate a slight reform in these matters a larger attendance of the best members would be attracted to our meetings.

MASONIC BENEVOLENCE—CHARITY?

In 1717 a Grand Lodge was constituted in London, England, by the four old lodges to control the Craft within the cities of London and Westminster, a defined area, which also limited the jurisdiction of City Companies. Arising out of this organization certain "Charities" were evolved which have always been a peculiarly strong feature of English Freemasonry, and perhaps its greatest glory. The "Fund of Benevolence" or "Benevolent Fund," the first of these organized charities, was founded as far back as 1724, within seven years of the formation of Grand Lodge itself, and probably developed because of the distress caused by the bursting of the "South Sea Bubble."

Following on it would appear that during the year 1738 Brother John Boaman worked out with considerable care a scheme to provide for the children of destitute Freemasons, and in due course submitted it to the Committee of Charity. To what extent this scheme was investigated by such committee there is no record; neither do we know whether it underwent any revision at their hands. It is clear, however, that the Committee of Charity agreed to the Proposal and had it circulated amongst all the London lodges. A copy of this Proposal has most fortunately been preserved, and is to be found amongst the Rawlinson M.S.S. at the Bodleian Library at Oxford.

The Proposal is headed as follows:

"A PROPOSAL."

"To raise yearly £310 for the carrying on and providing for twenty children of Masons and binding four to Trades every year; designed for the Relief of our indigent brethren, their offspring, and the Honour of the Craft."

He then proceeds to work out in detail how much would accrue by assessing one hundred lodges with an average of fifteen members at sixpence per quarter (three months), concluding however, with this quaint admonition:

"N.B." "The brethren that are willing to encourage this laudable undertaking, are desired to send in their names in writing, and their lodges, by the Master or Wardens, to the next Quarterly Communication, where all reasonable objections will be cleared, and security given for the performance if the brethren cheerfully agree to pay only one half-penny a week each."

My reason for incorporating this item is to show that even in that far off date, one hundred and ninety-two years ago, almost two centuries, there was a brother who had the courage and great heartedness

to make his voice heard on behalf of those who could not fend for themselves. Proceeding onward and still guided in our progress by the principles of benevolence I am led to give a further quotation from a copy of *The Times* (lent to me by a friend, especially for this purpose) printed in London, England, on Wednesday, October 3, 1798.

On the front page and set amongst other advertisements appears this striking notice:

"Masonic Charity for cloathing and educating the sons of Indigent Free Masons according to the old Institutions. A general Meeting of the Subscribers to this Institution will be held at the King's Arms, Greenbank, Wapping, on Friday next, the 5th day of October inst., at 6 o'clock in the evening, in order to receive twelve children into this charity.

J. Montefiore,
Attorney at Law, Sec.
Sampson's Gardens,
Oct. 1, 1798."

To sit and read this ancient newspaper, one hundred and thirty-two years old, and to note public evidence was given that the Masons of more than a century ago were abounding in the good works of benevolence and charity gave one a thrill rarely experienced. To our minds now moulded by virtue and science, benevolence however presents one great and useful lesson more.

The reunion of the two Grand Lodges of England was consummated with great solemnity on St. John's Day, December 17, 1813, in the Freemasons' Hall, London. At this historic meeting the "Articles of Union" binding together the two Grand Lodges were ratified and adopted.

Article 17 reads:

"The property of the said two Fraternities whether freehold, leasehold, funded, real or personal, shall remain sacredly appropriate to the purposes for which it was created. It shall constitute one grand fund, by which the blessed object of Masonic benevolence may be more extensively obtained."

Article 18.—Instructs you in the proper exercise of universal beneficence and charity. To quote the full paragraph:—

"The fund appropriate to the objects of Masonic benevolence shall not be infringed on for any purpose but shall be kept strictly and solely devoted to charity, and pains shall be taken to increase the same."

The manner in which they have developed this spirit of Benevolence acts now as a stimulus and beacon light to all Grand Jurisdictions. The quality of mercy has not been strained, for British Masons may claim to be the most highly trained charitable experts in the world, with their homes in every valley and schools on every hill. They adapt themselves to every condition and remain sufficiently stable and well governed to maintain the ever-increasing confidence of half a million brethren who are ranged under their illustrious banner.

Regarding our own Benevolent Fund, coincident with the formation of the Province of Alberta from the North West Territories in the year 1905, the Grand Lodge of Alberta was instituted in October of the same year. To prove that the Founders were thoroughly im-

bued with true Masonic principles and traditions we find that a special committee reported to Grand Lodge in 1906 regarding the establishment of a Masonic Home. As history always repeats itself, and the "South Sea Bubble" aroused our ancient brethren of England to alleviate the distress caused by the subsequent bursting of the "Bubble," in like manner the San Francisco disaster of 1907 and the Hillcrest mines tragedy of four years later, weighed upon the brethren with such overwhelming force that the latter is probably more responsible than any other cause for the existence of our present Benevolent Fund.

From the inauguration of Grand Lodge to the year 1915 four Benevolent Funds had been established, each dealing with a specific necessity as the occasion demanded. These four funds were subsequently amalgamated in 1919. In 1920 the members of the Benevolent Committee were apparently dissatisfied with the slow and somewhat haphazard method of constantly appealing for voluntary contributions towards this fund, with the result that at the Annual Communication of Grand Lodge in 1920 they made the following recommendations, which were adopted:

1. "The recommendation of a more definite policy with regard to the annual increase of the Capital Benevolent Fund."
2. "The recommendation of a set of rules governing the distribution of this Fund."

In connection with these recommendations a notice of motion had been submitted by M.W. Bro. J. T. Macdonald and seconded by M.W. Bro. S. Blair:

"That Section 132 of the Constitution be amended to read: Each Lodge shall pay for every member thereof towards the Fund for Grand Lodge purposes and undertakings \$1.00 per annum, and on and after the first day of January, 1922, the sum of \$1.50 per annum, one third of which shall be set aside for Relief Purposes and one third for the purpose of increasing the capital Benevolent Fund of Grand Lodge."

This motion was carried by more than a two-thirds majority, proving conclusively that the "definite policy" recommended by the Benevolence Committee was ardently desired.

At that date, 1920 the Fund was capitalized to the amount of \$35,118.78, showing that over an average of fifteen years since the formation of Grand Lodge about \$2,345.00 per annum, in round figures had accumulated from the four funds indicated above, towards a capital Benevolent Fund. A decade has now passed and fifty cents per member has been regularly paid, with the result that the Fund now stands at \$152,449.99 indicating an increase of more than \$11,700 per annum. You will say this is good financing. It is, but the summit has not yet been reached, and we need to strengthen our stakes and lengthen our cords because the demands made on this fund during the past year have been greater than at any time in the past.

In 1920 the beneficiaries received \$3,267.64. One decade later, 1930, the amount of \$11,050.96 was paid to dependents. The population of Alberta is rapidly increasing, and it is only fair to surmise that the number of beneficiaries will increase in like manner. At least this has already been proven by the steadily increasing demands made upon the fund. Such is where we now stand, just holding our own against we know not what. The only provision we are making for any national, provincial or local demand (which may arise at any time) is by paying fifty cents per annum per member.

I have enumerated very briefly how we came to pay this small yet definite amount each year. May I now plead for a larger vision and an increased amount for the future? It has been estimated, officially, after taking a mean average of the past ten years, that by the end of the next decade—1940—we shall have approximately 20,000 members and a Capital Benevolent Fund of \$200,000.00. "*Festina Lente.*" We are making haste very slowly. Our immediate Sister Grand Jurisdictions have already outstripped us in the finest race ever run by a Masonic body. My brethren of this Grand Body, we cannot allow ourselves to take a third or second place—we must not, we dare not—nothing but the first place will satisfy us. The widow's mite has been glorified into great magnitude, because she gave her "All." We, the acknowledged aristocrats of all secret societies, can never satisfy our conscience by giving a "half" of anything, at least we must embrace the horizon and give the whole—a whole dollar should be our meanest objective under present conditions. With this in view I ask for your serious, earnest and Masonic consideration.

The question of "Policy" is also another matter demanding our attention. The time will come when the Masons of Alberta will demand an Idol. I mean—an idol in the sense of having something visible, a Masonic Home, School or Institution, something material, to which they can point with pride—because a magnificent building set in spacious grounds in which you have an interest and obligation, always has a personal appeal. I have debated this question with the leaders of many Grand Jurisdictions and all admit the finality of what has just been stated. That finale however is not yet ours. The present domestic and personal policy pursued by Grand Lodge, set over against the building and impersonal policy, is one which is receiving the approbation of our reviewers and what is far more important, our beneficiaries. This was best expressed in the words of the chairman of the Benevolence Committee in the reports of 1925 and 1927.

"From a review of the proceedings of foreign jurisdictions we learn that many of them take pride, and justly so, in the expensive and comfortable homes they have erected for their unfortunate members. Your committee are, however, of the opinion that our system, for the present at least, is better for us. Our beneficiaries are left in their homes when practicable so that the families may be kept together and the children under their parents' care and interest. Those unattached are residing with relatives or in families of Masons to whom the money paid for their lodging is acceptable and the unfortunates in this way escape the stigma of pauperism, and their opportunities for becoming again independent are greater, should they be restored to health. A feeling of confident self-respect is at all times preserved, and due care is exercised that the recipient of our bounty is not humiliated in any way.

"Your committee feel we are working the right way, with the right kind of a policy, by which the cost of administering the fund is reduced to a minimum, where every dollar is working and if not being used for benevolence is earning interest against the inevitable rainy days which will come.

"In doing this, in assisting to do this, Masonry in the Province of Alberta has more than justified its existence and as the years go by, with increasing numbers, greater responsibilities will be ours and we have no doubt if we fulfill our duties, the Masons of those future years will assuredly fulfil theirs."

To conclude what I have been trying to say—Benevolence is not a fundamental principle of Masonry, but an "Ornament" to it. Neither

is it limited to gifts of money, but the doing good to all, especially the brethren and their dependents, and to entertain good-will to all, and it is thus universal in its application. Charity is one of the theological virtues and one which Masonry never fails to inculcate. It regards it as the queen among the virtues of life and conduct. When sorrow ploughs the heart and human ties are severed one by one, it is wonderful how Masonry steps in and expresses this virtue in terms of tender regard for a brother's welfare, casting a halo of sanctity around his widow and orphans, and making their future care the obligation of his survivors. It is true that Masonry recognizes the claim of every human being to its sympathy; that it is sensitive to the cry of distress, and quick to respond to the appeals of need, from whatever quarter they may come; but it feels that its first duty is to minister to the urgent need in its own Fraternity. Charity is the distinguishing characteristic of a Mason, the greatest glory of modern Freemasonry. It has the approbation of heaven and of earth, and like its sister Mercy, blesses him who gives as well as him who receives. Shakespeare—Poet, Master Mason—long ago understood this virtue when he wrote:

“The quality of Mercy is not strained,
It droppeth as the gentle rain from heaven,
Upon the place beneath; it is twice blessed.
It blesseth him that gives and him that takes.
It is mightiest in the mightiest.
It is an attribute to God Himself . . . and doth
Teach us all to render the deeds of Mercy.”

THE CHALLENGE OF MASONRY TO MODERN THOUGHT

We are living in changing times. Yesterday is as different from today as today will be different from tomorrow. Nothing amazes or startles us in this age. If in the morning our daily paper were to contain the startling information that messages had been received from one of the planets and that within the next few months a radio system would be established therewith, our excitement would not even be aroused. The whole of civilization is changing; industry is changing; thought is changing in so many ways that we hardly dare think; in fact none dare make any prophetic utterances lest he find that while they are in the making the subject matter is already in production, and all his prophetic words are as sounding brass and tinkling cymbals. We are living in a very complex age. No authority is taken for granted. Every power must be determined on the basis of its own strength. Every cross road challenges and every traveller must have a reason for the faith that is within him. Dogmas are widely regarded with indifference if not contempt. Creeds are considered superfluities, and only scientific standards of research are received at par. For three thousand years Masonry has played a large part in the movements of civilisation. Naturally, we often wonder whether that which has its origin in the past has a place in the turmoil of today, and we may profitably consider whether ancient Masonry has any part or can lead any influence in the rapidly changing world.

The prevailing interest of our time is social. We have come to see, more clearly than any other age that no man liveth to himself. The most richly endowed is not he who cuts himself off from his fellows, seeking nourishment only from the roots of his own nature, but he who lives in the world of men around him, drawing strength from the bosom of society, and sharing his strength with others. Life is no longer regarded as a solitary progress, but as a life of fellowship, charged with the spirit of good will toward all and inspired by the ideal of

common brotherhood when men shall treat each other as they would be treated themselves. This social order is set up and maintained by the co-operation and incentive of its members. They have come to realize that peace, order and harmony are essential to civilization. And thus law becomes the agency through which these efforts attain their fuller consummation. With all its appearance of novelty the social interest is but a return to fundamental principles and a solution is found in the ideals and purposes of Masonry. It looks to religion on the one side and to law on the other and standing on the solid middle ground of the universal moral sentiment, puts behind them the force of tradition and precept, and recognises the mighty sanction of the approval or disapproval of men. Thus Masonry works hand in hand with the State and the Church, with all societies and organizations, whether local or cosmopolitan which seek to unify men's energies in any sphere, whether science, or art, or labor, or commerce, and supports and strengthens the three great pillars of the social order, Religion, Law and Morals, with the three pillars of Wisdom, Strength and Beauty, all making for the ultimate perfection of humanity.

The State and Masonry are inevitably linked together by the names of those great and noble men who have worn the white apron and have sat under the canopy of the Symbolic Lodge. Let us note those sacred symbols that continually confront us and abiding by their principles, seek continually to make their meaning plainer in our own lives and habits, that they may mould and influence those with whom we intermingle. Let our word be enough, and our evidence assured. To be what the world expects us to be, and unhesitatingly and fearlessly emphasize the words told by Wolsey,

"Be just and fear not.

Let all the ends thou aim'st at be thy country's,—thy God's
and truth's.

Then if thou fall'st, thou fall'st a blessed martyr."

Take the Compass and inscribe within its circle and diameter all that is worthy and true; exclude from its circumference the unworthy and unjust. Bid selfishness step not across its bounds, and let brotherly love and friendship mellow and hallow its confines. It is commendable to talk of ideals, and to say that the business of the Order is to get a high ideal before men, and then leave them to work it out to the best of their ability, but the fact remains that ideals are of little value unless they are acted on and made of practical use. And one of the problems which confront Masonry is how to bring the ideals into relationship with everyday concerns. Fort Newton has clothed his ideal Mason with eloquent garb. I would describe him further, that the ideal Mason is one who will stand by you, if he believed you to be true, though the world may traduce you, one who would rather die than lie, starve than cheat, be disregarded rather than slander his brother, be ostracized rather than deny his manhood, betray his friend or dishonor his God. I am convinced however, that the idealistic and personal influence of Masonry is gaining a firmer hold on the hearts and minds of men. That influence silently infuses itself into society, but it is none the less potent because its advent is without ostentation or blare of trumpet. Its own inherent worth is what commends it to mankind. It stands in need of no extraneous aids to help its progress, but moves onward and upward, steadfastly obedient to those loft principles which furnish the guarantee of its continued permanency success. May the day come when all men shall rightly and adequately appreciate the mission of Masonry.

To conclude this challenge I would add just another word: Examine the Constitution of nations, the historic Magna Charta, the decisions of the great courts, and through the lines we find that the name of Moses, the law-giver, ever prominently standing forth. The moral law as enunciated by him in isolated grandeur over all the law givers of time is a part of Masonic meaning. And with that background of time and eternity, Masonry stands forth and declares that there are in the world unchangeable realities, which if destroyed will in their destruction, destroy all that is worthy in human thought and enterprise. In these days of constant change, this great Order stands for cohesion, for an unshackled conservatism, free and progressive along lines of assured certainty. Ancient Masonry would say to modern times, "Hold fast to the true and the tried. Let not the superficial gilt, blind the eyes of the gold of the ages." That which has been proven, "Hold fast."

CONCLUSION

The Trestle Board of Grand Lodge, on which our plans, aims, hopes and aspirations are laid, is now before us. Let us lay aside all selfish thoughts and contentions, and unite willingly in an ardent endeavour to promote the best interests of our Order. Individually, we are of but little moment, but drops in the mighty current that rushes to eternity. The great stream of Freemasonry has rolled on for ages, gathering new force with each passing year, and will so continue for ages to come. The drops that compose it—who and what are they? How immaterial then are personal projects or powers; how vitally necessary that the great river should continue undisturbed in its proper channel; its purity unsullied, its power unbroken to the end.

It has been a source of great pleasure to labour for the interest of our Institution. It has been my intent to preserve intact the ancient landmarks of Freemasonry; to maintain the usages and customs of the Craft, keeping carefully within the bounds of Constitutional authority and executing the law as I interpreted it in a spirit of fraternal love and kindness. To every member of this Grand Body I tender sincere thanks and appreciation for the trust and confidence you have reposed in me. To the officers and brethren who have assisted me in the discharge of my duties, I can but express my everlasting gratitude and heartfelt appreciation. My brethren, I wish I could do justice to this occasion, could dwell with lingering cadence on a retrospective of the many happy times we have enjoyed together, but the sum of my official career as Grand Master is in the west and rapidly sinking toward the horizon and you turn your faces to welcome the dawn of a new day. May that day bring with it a revival in the construction of our spiritual, moral and Masonic edifice. May our ancient Order stand like the burning bush on the plains of Midian, which would not be consumed, and as the bush sent forth flames which leaped into the heart of Moses and filled him with renewed power, so may Alberta Free-Masonry send forth messages which will stir and bless all mankind.

Fraternally submitted,

S. H. MIDDLETON

Grand Master.

Resolved, on motion of M. W. Bro. H. P. Reid (14), seconded by W. Bro. H. Paterson (142), "That the Grand Master's Address as presented be received and referred to the Committee on the Grand Master's Address."

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Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment at 12:35 p.m.

First Day

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*Afternoon Session***LABOR RESUMED**

The Grand Lodge resumed labor at 2:00 o'clock p.m

COMMUNICATIONS

Letters and telegrams were read from the following brethren, expressing their regret at being unable to attend the Annual Communication and wishing Grand Lodge a most successful meeting: M. W. Bro. R. B. Dargavel, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Canada (in the Province of Ontario), and R. W. Bro. W. M. Logan, Grand Secretary; M. W. Bro. F. S. Selwood, M. W. Bro. N. E. Caruthers, M. W. Bro. Geo. Cruickshank, R. W. Bro. Thos. Sharpe, Grand Treasurer; R. W. Bro. W. H. Chappell, Grand Registrar; R. W. Bro. W. M. Peel, D.D.G.M. District No. 1; R. W. Bro. J. McCandie, D.D.G.M. District No. 2; R. W. Bro. L. M. Rogers, D.D.G.M. District No. 5; R. W. Bro. R. H. Anderson, D.D.G.M. District No. 7; R. W. Bro. W. H. Geering, D.D.G.M. District No. 8; R. W. Bro. Wm. A. Howes, D.D.G.M. District No. 11; R. W. Bro. Chas. Stewart, D.D.G.M. District No. 14; V. W. Bro. O. L. Phelps, Senior Grand Deacon; V. W. Bro. H. H. Beeber, Junior Grand Deacon; V. W. Bro. Geo. N. DeFoe, Grand Organist; V. W. Bro. J. A. Webb, Grand Director of Ceremonies; V. W. Bro. M. Currie, Grand Steward; V. W. Bro. G. N. McLean, Grand Steward; V. W. Bro. P. C. F. Routledge, Grand Steward; V. W. Bro. J. H. Westbrook, Grand Steward; V. W. Bro. Chas. H. Boag, Grand Pursuivant; R. W. Bro. V. A. Bowes, R. W. Bro. A. Davison, R. W. Bro. Thos. Rankine, and W. Bro. J. V. Follett.

Telegrams extending fraternal greetings and best wishes for a successful meeting were received from the Grand Lodges of Saskatchewan and Iowa. The Grand Master directed that suitable replies be wired.

Resolved, on motion of R. W. Bro. A. J. Davis (23), seconded by W. Bro. G. T. French (28), "That inasmuch as the Grand Lodge of Manitoba is now in session, a telegram of fraternal greetings be forwarded them."

Subsequently a wire was received from the Grand Lodge of Manitoba conveying fraternal greetings to this Grand Lodge.

Reports of District Deputy Grand Masters

FIRST MASONIC DISTRICT

Calgary, May 15, 1930.

To the M. W. the Grand Master of the
Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

Dear Sir and M. W. Brother:

I have the honor to tender for your consideration my report of the activities of the First Masonic District for the year.

I should first of all express my appreciation to the Fraternity in this district for honoring me by electing me to the office of District Deputy Grand Master, and secondly to acknowledge the assistance so willingly and graciously extended at all times by the District Secretary, W. Bro. David Patterson of Zetland Lodge No. 83.

Before the close of my tenure of office I shall have visited officially all the fifteen lodges twice. I also attended most of the Calgary installations and have paid numerous other visits as occasion arose, over fifty meetings in all.

The Worshipful Masters and officers, without exception, are capable and efficient. The "Work" is particularly well exemplified and the records well kept. In some of the lodges more attention might be given to the Historical Register which has deteriorated into a "Digest" of the Minute Book.

The following are the dates of my official visits:

Bow River, No. 1—December 18, 1929, and April 2, 1930.
Cascade, No. 5—September 14, 1929, and May 10, 1930.
Perfection, No. 9—November 5, 1929, and March 18, 1930.
Calgary, No. 23—November 15, 1929, and April 7, 1930.
Ashlar, No. 28—November 14, 1929, and March 13, 1930.
Gleichen, No. 36—September 14, 1929 and May 20, 1930.
King Solomon, No. 41—October 17, 1929, and May 8, 1930.
Strathmore, No. 53—October 7, 1929, and April 7, 1930.
Mount Lebanon, No. 54—October 22, 1929, and March 11, 1930.
King George, No. 59—October 25, 1929, and April 11, 1930.
Zetland, No. 83—November 7, 1929, and March 6, 1930.
Crescent, No. 87—November 26, 1929, and May 13, 1930.
St. Mark's, No. 118—October 28, 1929, and February 10, 1930.
Concord, No. 124—November 2, 1929, and March 1, 1930.
Renfrew, No. 134—October 14, 1929, and February 24, 1930.

The District Meeting was held in Calgary on November 16, 1929, and was successful. The meeting was addressed by the M. W. the

Grand Master and the Grand Secretary and was both interesting and instructive to all present. W. Bro. J. V. Follett of Ashlar Lodge, No. 28, was elected to succeed me, subject of course to the confirmation of the Grand Master at the communication in June.

The M. W. the Grand Master has attended several of the lodges in Calgary at their meetings, and his presence has always been the occasion for a large and appreciative gathering.

The attendance at lodge meetings in this district, although on a par with previous years, is very disappointing, and should I think be the subject matter of exhaustive investigation. The size of the membership in city lodges appears to have mitigated against the personal touch which is so essential for friendly understanding, with the result the attendance suffers. However, on special occasions when interesting speakers are in attendance, or when special meetings are held, the brethren appear to be interested, enjoy themselves and attend in large numbers, at times taxing the capacity of the large "Blue Room" in the new Masonic Temple. This has been demonstrated on several occasions during the past year.

I have, throughout the year, strongly advocated the introduction of interesting and well informed speakers at all meetings both from an educational as well as a recreational point of view.

As a stimulant to Masonic research, and with a view to co-ordination and free discussion of Masonic topics generally, a Worshipful Masters and Senior Wardens Association was formed this year by representatives of the eleven Calgary lodges. Regular monthly meetings have been held in the Library of the Masonic Temple, through the courtesy of the Grand Secretary, and such matters as Benevolence, Employment, qualification for membership, etc., have been under review, and much good should accrue from the deliberations of this body. As a result of the activities of this association, I am informed, classes of instruction have already been established in conjunction with some of the lodges and others have the matter under advisement.

A number of the lodges in Calgary review and investigate, through the channels of the General Purpose Committee, possible candidates for initiation and affiliation, before issuing petitions, with a view to ascertaining the desirability of the material from an educational and moral standpoint, as well as the adaptability of the individual for assimilation.

One lodge dines at 7:00 p.m. before the opening, with the result that the members have the benefit of the social intercourse which is so necessary, without involving the late hours so frequently experienced.

Both of these innovations have merit, and are worthy of consideration.

All the lodges in District No. 1 now meet in buildings owned by the Craft.

In conclusion, I respectfully offer the opinion that the altruistic nature of the Institution is too infrequently brought to the attention of the candidates, and the brethren at large, the historical background and the symbolism being often entirely lost sight of, so that the imagination is in no way exercised, and hence very frequently interest wanes.

Fraternally submitted,

W. M. PEEL,

D.D.G.M. District No. 1.

SECOND MASONIC DISTRICT

Medicine Hat, April 2, 1930.

To the M. W. the Grand Master of the
Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

Dear Sir and M. W. Brother:

I have the honor to submit for your approval my report on the condition of Masonry in the Second Masonic District, for the year ending June, 1930, and I am pleased to be able to say that I have visited every lodge in my district at least once during my term of office.

Permit me first to record my appreciation of the confidence placed in me by the brethren of the district in electing me to this high office. I have endeavored at all times to carry out the duties devolving upon me to the best of my ability and I trust that my efforts have been acceptable to you and to the members of the Craft throughout the district.

After my election I invited R. W. Bro. W. H. Williams, Secretary of Medicine Hat Lodge No. 2, to act in the capacity of District Secretary, which he very kindly consented to do and his past experience has been of great assistance to me in all my undertakings.

In calling your attention to the statistical report hereon, one must keep in view the fact that this district has not been very fortunate in the past few years, owing to crop failures, but despite that handicap Masonry has progressed very favorably. It will be noted that we have had an increase during the year of 31 members, that the outstanding dues for the district only average \$1.54 per member; that no less than \$1,143.70 has been paid out of lodge funds for relief, of which Medicine Hat Lodge, No. 2, paid out \$592.39; that the assets over liabilities amount to \$26,879.60 and that three lodges out of the eight own their temples. The total membership of the district is 778 of which 338 live outside the jurisdiction of this district.

The condition of Masonry in this district is generally good, with the exception of Suffield Lodge, who are making a great struggle to exist, but their lack of membership is compensated by their Masonic spirit. I have found the books in good condition in all my visits and the degree work is uniform, which speaks well for the educational work carried on by my predecessor in office.

The following are reports in brief of my various visits:

On August 6, 1929, I paid a visit, accompanied by three members of Brooks Lodge, to Bassano, when I invested V. W. Bro. H. H. Beeber with the regalia and jewel of Junior Grand Deacon, and this was also my official visit to this lodge at which I witnessed the exemplification of the second degree, conferred in a very capable manner by the lodge officers.

BOW ISLAND LODGE, No. 64

On October 1, 1929, I paid an official visit to Bow Island Lodge and on this trip I was accompanied by seven members from Medicine Hat. I witnessed the Past Masters of Bow Island Lodge confer the third degree upon three candidates in a very efficient manner. This lodge is in good condition, having had a very prosperous year, showing

an increase of 11, and having conferred 19 degrees. The arrears of dues in this lodge are far too large, but that is caused mostly on account of poor crop conditions in that district for several years. They show assets of \$1,989.05 which is very commendable. The books are in good shape and the officers are efficient in their work.

DISTRICT MEETING

The District Meeting was held at Medicine Hat on October 21, 1929, in the old I.O.O.F. Hall, at which there was a large attendance. The meeting opened at 2:30 p.m. by the officers of Mizpah Lodge No. 35 and after the D.D.G.M. had been received with honors the following Grand Lodge Officers were introduced and received with honors: M. W. Bros. S. H. Middleton, Grand Master; M. W. Bro. J. H. W. S. Kemmis, Grand Secretary; R. W. Bro. G. M. Blackstock, Junior Grand Warden; and R. W. Bros. J. Elliott, W. H. Williams, C. E. Anderson and C. C. Elliott.

After the minutes of the previous meeting had been read and confirmed, Mizpah Lodge No. 35 exemplified the Master Mason degree in a very efficient manner, with W. Bro. A. G. Finch in the chair. Several questions were asked regarding the degree and satisfactorily answered by the custodian of the Work, M. W. Bro. Kemmis.

A splendid education for all present was the exemplification of how a Board of Trial should be conducted, and this new feature was well received.

R. W. Bro. G. M. Blackstock then spoke on the Morgan case, this being in connection with the disappearance from the state of New York of one William Morgan, and his address was much enjoyed.

R. W. Bro. C. C. Elliott was presented with a P.D.D.G.M. Jewel by the M. W. the Grand Master, on behalf of the lodges in the district, following which W. Bro. W. Raisbeck of Grassy Lake Lodge No. 57 was elected as D.D.G.M. for the year 1930-31 and Medicine Hat was selected as the place of meeting. After the Grand Master had addressed the brethren the session was closed by the officers of Medicine Hat Lodge No. 2, and a banquet was served in the basement of St. Barnabas Church.

At the evening session, splendid instructive speeches were made by the Grand Lodge officers present and a well prepared musical program enjoyed.

MIZPAH LODGE, No. 35

My next visit was to Mizpah Lodge on November 19th, at which there were 65 brethren present and I witnessed a splendid exemplification of the second degree. This lodge is in excellent condition, well officered and the books well kept by the Secretary, Bro. W. B. Stevens. The lodge contributes regularly to the joint Benevolent Fund maintained by the Masons of Medicine Hat for relief of those not members locally.

ST. JOHN'S NIGHT: INSTALLATION—DECEMBER 27, 1929

The two lodges at Medicine Hat endeavored to have a joint installation of all eight lodges in the district. I was asked to act as Installing Officer and I was privileged to install the officers of five lodges at this gathering: No. 2, No. 35, No. 64, No. 70 and No. 73. This was a very unique occasion as with preparation and assistance

the whole ceremony was conducted without the aid of a ceremonial. A banquet followed at which the visiting brethren were guests of the local lodges.

BASSANO LODGE, No. 55

I again visit this lodge on January 3, 1930, when, accompanied by R. W. Bros. D. M. Blackstock and Jesse Elliott, I installed the officers of the lodge for the ensuing term. There were 40 present. This lodge is in good condition; prospects good and books well kept.

MEDICINE HAT LODGE, No. 2

On January 14, 1930, I visited this my mother lodge and had a wonderful reception, no less than 130 being present. There was no degree work so I was given much more time than usual and R. W. Bro. Blackstock gave a very interesting address on the Landmarks of Masonry. This lodge is well officered and do their work well; their prospects are excellent and financial condition good. They pay strict attention to the sick and those in need and are commended for their charitable activities. They own their lodge room and their assets \$9,000.00 over liabilities. The books are in good shape.

QUARRY LODGE, No. 70

I paid my official visit to this lodge on February 4th, accompanied by several Past Masters and members from Medicine Hat, in all 40. I witnessed the third degree conferred upon two candidates by the lodge officers and W. Bro. Cox, the W. M., is to be congratulated on the efficiency of his officers. While this lodge shows a decrease of two during the year, their prospects are good and the finances in good shape. The books are well kept and they show the largest average attendance of members in the district.

BROOKS LODGE, No. 73

On February 18, 1930, I paid my official visit to this lodge, accompanied by R. W. Bro. Williams, and witnessed the exemplification of the Master Mason degree. R. W. Bro. C. C. Elliott was in the chair and the degree was well conferred. All the officers of this lodge are proficient in their work and there was an attendance of 47. The books are in excellent shape as the secretaryship is in the capable hands of R. W. Bro. C. E. Anderson. The financial condition is good as they own their lodge premises which include a splendid recreation room. It is worthy of note that this lodge spent \$426.31 in benevolence this year, which is a considerable amount for a lodge of only 111 members of which 43 are resident. They conferred more degrees than any other lodge in the district and had an increase of six.

SUFFIELD LODGE, No. 85

I paid my official visit to this lodge on March 12, 1930, accompanied by several Past Masters from Medicine Hat Lodge. This lodge are having a struggle to keep their flag flying but as I mentioned earlier in this report, what they lack in numbers is made up in enthusiasm. They took a vote of the question of surrendering their charter and they decided that inasmuch as they have prospects of some affiliations and an application for initiation, they would keep on until the end of the year. The books are in good condition but their financial position is far from strong. There was no degree work conferred.

GRASSY LAKE LODGE, No. 57

I visited this lodge on March 13th and were it not for the fact that a snowstorm came up there would have been several car loads

of brethren from Medicine Hat accompany me. However, in addition to my own party there were two enthusiastic brethren drove in from Suffield 34 miles and then made the balance of the trip to Grassy Lake, a further distance of 58 miles, which shows the splendid Masonic spirit of Suffield members. There were 37 present at the meeting and the second degree was well conferred by the lodge officers, W. Bro. Raisbeck the W. M. being in the chair. The books are in good shape, the financial condition good and they show an increase of five members this year.

In conclusion, I unhesitatingly say that Masonry in the Second Masonic District is in good condition, with the lodges all strong with the one exception referred to, and which condition will certainly improve if crop conditions are more favorable this year. The welfare of all the lodges is in good hands and steady progress is assured. I wish to take this opportunity to thank the brethren who have supported me in my visits by the loan of their cars and the various lodges for the treatment accorded me, and once again to thank the brethren for the honor conferred upon me when they elected me as their District Deputy Grand Master.

Fraternally submitted,

J. McCANDIE,

D.D.G.M. District No. 2.

THIRD MASONIC DISTRICT

Edmonton, May 9, 1930.

To the M. W. the Grand Master of the
Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

Dear Sir and M. W. Brother:

I have the honor to submit for your consideration my report as D.D.G.M. of District No. 3 for the past year. I have officially visited all lodges with the exception of St. Alban's, No. 145, which I hope to complete this month.

DISTRICT MEETING

The District Meeting was held jointly with District No. 13 on November 30th in Patricia Hall, Edmonton. The attendance was large and almost every lodge in the two districts was represented.

The meeting was presided over jointly by R. W. Bro. D. D. Penman and myself. After receiving the several Grand Lodge Officers, portions of the third degree were exemplified.

W. Bro. F. R. Falconer, of Tawatinaw Lodge, No. 71, was elected D.D.G.M. for the coming year. A resolution was passed with regard to the redistribution as it affects this district, asking that the matter be referred to Grand Lodge for further revision. The question of Custodian of the Work was discussed and a resolution passed asking the M. W. the Grand Master to appoint an Edmonton brother to take charge of this district. In regard to these two resolutions, I would suggest that all Lodges affected in the vicinity of Edmonton be placed

in one district and a Custodian appointed from either Edmonton Lodge, No. 7, or Strathcona Lodge, No. 77, and that all District Meetings be held in Edmonton.

**EDMONTON LODGE, No. 7, UNITY LODGE, No. 51, and
COMMERCIAL LODGE, No. 81**

The three city lodges were visited at different times during the year and all three lodges are in excellent condition financially. As to the efficiency of their work, the Secretaries of these lodges are all Past Masters in rank and Past Masters in their present positions as custodian of the records.

My sincere appreciation is extended to these lodges for my very pleasant visits among them.

WETASKIWIN LODGE, No. 15

In October, I visited Wetaskiwin Lodge and had the pleasure of seeing W. Bro. Irving and his officers confer the second degree on a fine class of candidates.

This lodge is one of the older lodges in the district and the work is of the highest calibre and the attendance is large. The books and records are in excellent condition.

STAR OF THE WEST LODGE, No. 34

This lodge was officially visited on October 1st and while they have not had a candidate for over a year, they keep up their work by substituting a member. The books and finances are in good condition and they are now completing the historical register. The prospect of increase in membership in this lodge is not of the brightest, but the members are enthusiastic and the officers very proficient.

EDSON LODGE, No. 68

In March, I officially visited Edson Lodge when W. Bro. Tucker and his officers conferred the second degree on a class of candidates. This lodge has suffered lately on account of members moving away because of the mining and railroad work being curtailed. I have made some recommendations which I trust will be carried out for the benefit of the lodge. The books and finances are in excellent shape.

TAWATINAW LODGE, No. 71

On October 2nd, I visited this lodge and witnessed the second degree put on in a very able manner by W. Bro. Roxborough and his officers. The attendance records are not all that they should be and the past dues are altogether too high. However, this lodge should be proud of its present set of officers as the work was of a high calibre. W. Bro. Falconer, D.D.G.M. elect, is a prominent member and worker of this lodge.

MERIDIAN LODGE, No. 129

Accompanied by some twenty members of Commercial Lodge, I officially visited this lodge when W. Bro. Mallock and his officers exemplified the second degree in a very capable manner. A month later Commercial Lodge again journeyed to Stony Plain and raised this same candidate. A very pleasant and profitable evening was spent. The books and records are in good condition.

WASKATENAU LODGE, No. 154

On April 2nd, I visited this new lodge, which has just received its charter. Having no candidate, one of the brethren substituted and W. Bro. Jewell and his officers exemplified a portion of the third degree in an excellent manner. While it is rather up-hill work, the brethren are all enthusiastic and working hard to make a real lodge.

JASPER PARK LODGE, No. 143

On April 24th I officially visited this lodge, where Bro. Hobbins conferred the first degree on a class of candidates. As this is a very young lodge they are to be congratulated on the fine building that they have erected and much credit is due the members. I have suggested to a number of these young lodges that they should have more practice work on their degrees, but, as there are a number of railroad men in this particular lodge, it is hard to get them together. The books and records are well kept by the present Secretary, but no small amount of credit is due Bro. A. Sherriff, who took over these books when there was some trouble a short time ago.

In concluding this report, I would like to suggest the following which would have a tendency to assist the smaller lodges in the district:

1. That strict attention be drawn to the committee examining the Worshipful Master elect to see that he is capable of performing the duties expected of him.

2. That as almost all lodges have large amounts in arrears of dues and as each lodge's by-laws are somewhat different as regards suspension for non-payment of dues, Grand Lodge should adopt a uniform policy setting out a definite period as the length of time that a member should be carried.

3. In the matter of Masonic education, where it is difficult for the smaller lodge to have speakers on short notice, it is well to draw the attention of those interested to the Installed Masters' Association.

I wish to take this opportunity to thank the brethren of the district in electing me to this high office and express my appreciation to the many members who accompanied me on the different visits.

Fraternally submitted,

BRUCE FLAVIN,

D.D.G.M. District No. 3.

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FOURTH MASONIC DISTRICT

Olds, May 15, 1930.

To the M. W. the Grand Master of the
Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

Dear Sir and M. W. Brother:

I have the honor to submit herewith my report as D.D.G.M. of the Fourth Masonic District for the year 1929-30.

It is fitting that I first express my appreciation of the honor of having been the representative of the Grand Master in this district.

My efforts have been sincere and honest and if at all deserving of the Masonic approval of the brethren, I am indeed grateful and happy. I wish to thank very sincerely all those who gave me so much valuable assistance during my term. This district has been particularly fortunate this year in that it has had not only two Past Grand Masters but also the Deputy Grand Master residing in its jurisdiction. These brethren have given unstintingly of their help on the occasion of my official visits and also at any time advice was sought they have proven most interested and kindly and the benefit of their experience has been of inestimable value to me. To M. W. Bro. Botterill, M. W. Bro. Carruthers, R. W. Bro. Snedden, and R. W. Bro. McGhee I feel a debt of gratitude and offer my sincere thanks.

V. W. Bro. Pryor, of Carstairs Lodge, has acted as District Secretary, and to him I am also much indebted. His hard work and willingness to relieve me of as much writing as possible, together with his previous experience and excellent reports, have been a great help and I wish to acknowledge my appreciation.

DISTRICT MEETING

The Annual Meeting of this district was held in the Carstairs Hall on Thursday, October 25, 1929. The lodge was opened at 2:45 p.m. by the officers of King Hiram Lodge, No. 21, Didsbury, and closed after the evening session by Lochearn Lodge, No. 151, Rocky Mountain House. After the reception of the D.D.G.M. and the confirmation of the minutes of the last meeting held in Ponoka in 1928, written reports were submitted by representatives of all the lodges of this district except Kitchener, which unfortunately was not represented. It was a request previously made that these reports should contain sufficient detail to indicate, if possible, on what each lodge based its prosperity or difficulty, and as the Masters had taken the trouble to do some research in their lodge records, many valuable suggestions were made. For instance, one lodge felt that inter-visitation was one of the great means of cementing the fraternal spirit. Eureka Lodge, No. 10, explained that they conferred degrees at special meetings and used the regular meeting two weeks later to impress certain phases of the previously conferred degree and felt that at this time candidates were more receptive to explanations of the work. Another lodge was adopting the practice of having two or three social evenings during the year which they felt increased the interest. Britannia Lodge had established a "Good Cheer Fund" maintained by canvass among the members for those unfortunate brethren who did not come within the scope of the Benevolent Fund and yet would appreciate a little good cheer, particularly at the festive season. Carstairs Lodge, No. 20, felt that their strength lay in the fact that they had no members more than two years in arrears. King Hiram reported 60 per cent attendance which they believed largely due to prompt starting and consequent early closing. Crossfield Lodge attributed stimulating and beneficial effects to the erection of their splendid new hall.

As the Grand Lodge officers arrived at this point, it was my privilege to welcome M. W. Bro. S. H. Middleton, Grand Master, and M. W. Bro. J. H. W. S. Kemmis, Grand Secretary, accompanied by M. W. Bro. Botterill, M. W. Bro. Carruthers and other Grand Lodge officers, who were received with Grand Honors and escorted to the East.

It had been felt that instead of degree exemplification a well filled question box would benefit this district and numerous questions had been sent in by the various constituent lodges. These were ably

dealt with by the Grand Lodge officers and gave rise to much worthy discussion and keen interest and proved a source of great profit to the Craft.

Labor was suspended and mention should be made of the very fine supper provided by the Carstairs Chapter, No. 62, O.E.S., in the banquet room of the new Carstairs Lodge. Because of the large attendance (171) even this fine hall was crowded to capacity.

An interesting event in connection with this district meeting was the dedication ceremony of the new Lodge Building erected by Carstairs Lodge, No. 20. This was performed in a most impressive manner by the M. W. the Grand Master, assisted by many Grand Lodge officers. The new temple is a credit to Carstairs Lodge and Masonry in District No. 4.

W. Bro. D. F. Chisholm, a Past Master of Eureka Lodge, No. 10, Lacombe, was elected D.D.G.M. for the incoming year and Red Deer was selected as the place of the next district meeting.

VISITATIONS

The following are the dates of my official visits:

Eureka, No. 10—October 2nd.
Red Deer, No. 12—October 8th.
Kitchener, No. 95—October 18th.
Lochearn, No. 151—November 5th.
Mountain View, No. 16—November 15th.
Britannia, No. 18—December 5th.
King Hiram, No. 21—January 28th.
Kenilworth, No. 29—March, 20th.
Bowden, No. 42—April 8th.
Innisfail, No. 8—April 17th.
Crossfield, No. 48.—April 22nd.
Carstairs, No. 20—May 1st.

In each lodge my reception was most cordial and in many the brethren had taken great trouble to ensure a fine meeting. As a marked example of the success of these efforts, I may say that on the occasion of my first visit, which was made to Eureka Lodge, there were present two Past Grand Masters, the Deputy Grand Master, nine Past D.D.G.M.'s and twenty-one Past Masters. Such a meeting could not fail to make any officer feel that he was getting very loyal support indeed. My home lodge of Mountain View entertained many and distinguished visitors on the night of my official visit, and several of the brethren accompanied me on each of my visits away, while on many occasions the brethren of King Hiram Lodge turned out in goodly numbers to support me. This I have appreciated very much.

Kenilworth Lodge, No. 29, held a reunion meeting on March 20th. This was under the charge of M. W. Bro. Botterill and was largely attended by past and present members of that lodge as well as many unaffiliated Masons of the surrounding district, and there can be no doubt that the success of this meeting will stimulate the interest in Masonry and forward the activities of Kenilworth Lodge.

I am pleased to report that in all the lodges the books and records are in good condition and with the exception of two lodges, the ritualistic work is of a high order. These two lodges are making an earnest effort to correct the laxity that has crept into their work, chiefly because perhaps of lack of applications, and with the increased activity

they are showing this year improvement is bound to result. In fairness, the very excellent work of Lochearn Lodge, the junior lodge of this district, must be commended and W. Bro. Kirby is to be congratulated on the manner in which he and his officers conferred the second degree when visiting Red Deer Lodge, No. 12. Most of the lodges make a practice of fraternal visits but the lodge that most needs such a stimulus seems the most loath to adopt this good habit toward its own improvement. Undoubtedly this is frequently explained by the fact that having small lodge rooms they feel unable to adequately return the hospitality extended to them by larger lodges. The lodges in this district are, however, nearly all well and suitably housed, several owning fine temples and the remainder renting comfortable quarters; but two or three are somewhat cramped and the ease and dignity of conferring degrees considerably interfered with on this account.

ATTENDANCE

Below is a table showing details regarding attendance in this district. It would appear that the average attendance is quite equal to that of other districts of this jurisdiction. It will be noted that Carstairs Lodge, No. 20, the third smallest lodge, has the highest average, viz., 63.6 per cent, whilst King Hiram Lodge, the third largest has an equal percentage of attendance with the two smallest lodges. On the other hand, two of the largest lodges have the smallest percentage of attendance. It would seem that lack of interest with its consequent non-attendance is not altogether relative to the size of the lodge.

<i>Lodge</i>	<i>Memb'ship</i>	<i>Res.</i>	<i>Non-Res.</i>	<i>Attnee</i>	<i>Aver. %</i>
Innisfail, No. 8.	84	53	31	18.7	35
Eureka, No. 10	129	72	57	29.3	41
Red Deer, No. 12.	136	67	72	17.5	26
Mountain View, No. 16	84	49	35	20	41
Britannia, No. 18.	89	60	29	25	42
King Hiram, No. 21.	109	72	37	35	49
Kenilworth, No. 29.	102	55	47	16	29
Bowden, No. 42.	58	35	23	13	37
Crossfield, No. 48	66	47	19	18	38
Kitchener, No. 95.	30	19	11	9	47
Lochearn, No. 151	48	43	4	21	49
Carstairs, No. 20.	58	44	14	28	64

ARREARS

In the matter of arrears of dues I have to report that there is a large amount outstanding, an amount larger, I believe, than necessary, the total being \$3,728.70. This makes an average of \$3.74 per member for the district. There were 217 members at least 12 months in arrears in December last with 22 suspensions during the year and only two restored. That this condition is serious can be seen from these figures:

Total initiations in 1929.	53
Suspensions for N.P.D.	22 or 41% of Initiations

To continue the decrease further we find:

Dimits, totalled.	22 or 41% of Initiations
Deaths were	9 or 18% of Initiations

So that these three sources of loss equalled 100% of all initiations. I submit that necessity of suspension can be reduced by the activity

of the Secretary when the arrears are small and that this is most beneficial through personal contact or private letters rather than lodge summonses.

FINANCES

The financial position of all the lodges of District No. 4 appears sound as every lodge shows cash on hand and there are assets considerably exceeding liabilities in every case. At the end of our year the total cash on hand was \$8,351.84; the liabilities were \$15,637.08, and the assets exceeded liabilities by \$30,362.51. These latter were also protected by \$29,900.00 of insurance. As three of the temples are new and the buildings consequently in excellent condition it would seem that the liabilities created on account of building are not too large.

Apart from the per capita paid to Grand Lodge the total amount expended for benevolence in 1929 was \$360.21. Having no knowledge of the opportunities which arose for the use of this fund I do not know whether this is satisfactory or not.

In conclusion, on behalf of District No. 4, let me assure you, Most Worshipful Sir, that we are trying to not forget that Masonry is an ancient institution, and that we are charged to hand down to our successors unimpaired the traditions of the past.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

C. C. HARTMAN,
D.D.G.M. District No. 4.

FIFTH MASONIC DISTRICT

Forestburg, May 30, 1930

To the M. W. the Grand Master of the
Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

Dear Sir and M. W. Brother:

I have the honor to submit to you my report on the condition of Masonry for District No. 5 for the past year.

DISTRICT MEETING

The annual meeting of the Fifth Masonic District was held in Crillion Hall, Forestburg, on October 31, 1929. The meeting was opened by Alliance Lodge, No. 135. The District Deputy Grand Master was received in due form and assumed the gavel, following which M. W. Bro. S. H. Middleton, Grand Master, and M. W. Bro. J. H. W. S. Kemmis, Grand Secretary, were received, accorded Grand Honors and given a hearty welcome.

The second section of the third degree was exemplified by Forestburg Lodge, No. 128, followed by comments on the Work by R. W. Bro. Nichol, of Killam, P.D.D.G.M. Many interesting questions on Masonic matters were then answered by the M. W. the Grand Master, the Grand Secretary and R. W. Bro. Nichol. Representatives of the several lodges in District No. 5 then gave short reports on conditions in their respective lodges. W. Bro. Millar was elected D.D.G.M. for

the ensuing year. A banquet was served to the visiting brethren in the Masonic Hall by Forestburg Chapter, O.E.S.

The large attendance at this meeting, including a great many Past D.D.G.M.'s, and also the splendid spirit prevailing throughout the sessions, have been a source of great personal pleasure to me as well as to the brethren of Forestbrug Lodge.

During my term of office I have visited ten lodges. I regret very much that it has been impossible for me to visit Provost Lodge at Provost and Morning Star Lodge at Lougheed. The brethren of Morning Star Lodge very kindly consented to come to Sedgewick during my official visit to Harmony Lodge there, and they brought their lodge records for my inspection.

The duties of my profession have made it very difficult for me to cover my work properly and in many instances it was not possible for me to give definite notice of my intended visit in time to have it included in the regular summons. I sincerely trust that my Provost brethren will pardon my failure to visit them as on two occasions both the inclement weather and professional duties prevented me from going there.

On eight of my visits, I was fortunate to be able to witness the exemplification of degree work and I was much impressed with the high standard of the work and the great zeal and enthusiasm manifest at all times and in all the lodges. I believe that the Fifth Masonic District as a whole shows a high standard of proficiency, both in degree work and in lodge management.

I have noticed that a close attention is now being paid by all lodges to the question of outstanding dues and the amounts of such dues carried by the various lodges in this district are smaller than at any time during several years. In every instance I have urged the W. M. and Secretary to give their personal attention to each such account, believing that if this is done, there will be very few suspensions from this cause.

Promptness in opening lodge, dispatch in conducting the business, degree work showing preparedness and enthusiasm, all work for zeal and good attendance. I have endeavored to impress the W. M.'s with the idea that their lodges will in a considerable measure reflect in their work the Master's efficiency and effort.

On all my visits I was gratified to meet a great many brethren paying fraternal visits from lodges sometimes a great distance away, and never have I met with more fraternal brotherliness and warmer handclasps than on these occasions. Such fraternal visits I have come to look upon as a great stimulant to good degree work; it brings us in closer touch with each other individually and more than any other single thing, it inspires us with great thoughts of the beauty of our Masonic Brotherhood.

This district has suffered rather heavily from drought and consequent crop shortage during the past year, but in spite of this, the number of applicants for Masonry has been surprisingly large, only two or three lodges not having any degree work.

Attendance at lodge meetings is not as good as we would like it to be. This has been claiming the attention of Masons for some time and various reasons have been put forth as explanations. In the Fifth Masonic District only about fifty per cent of the resident

members attend. At every lodge that I visited I voiced the thought, that if each member paid slightly more in dues, a capable Masonic Lecturer might be permanently engaged to visit and deliver educational and inspirational Masonic addresses to every Masonic Lodge in Alberta at least once yearly and more frequently if possible. I believe this would be one means of stimulating interest in Masonry and perhaps bring back into our fold many dormant and inactive members and encourage those who are now faithfully and devotedly carrying on the bulk of the work, and it would naturally tend to induce a better attendance. All the brethren to whom I have mentioned this matter seemed favorably impressed by it, so I feel that I should mention it in this report and should the Grand Lodge discover some merit in the thought and perhaps work out some plan whereby this idea may be made a useful means for the uplift of Masonry in Alberta, I shall feel amply rewarded.

In conclusion, I wish to thank my brethren of the Fifth Masonic District for the honor they have conferred on me by electing me to this office and for their friendly help and co-operation during my term of office. Many old friendships have been strengthened and renewed and many new friendships formed, and let me not forget to thank the lodges of the district for the spontaneous and hearty welcome accorded me on every visit. If our meeting together has left with my brethren of these lodges a little of the enthusiasm with which they have inspired me, I shall feel that my work during this past year has not been in vain.

Faternally submitted,

L. M. ROGERS,

D.D.G.M. District No. 5

SIXTH MASONIC DISTRICT

Claresholm, May 8, 1930

To the M. W. the Grand Master of the
Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

Dear Sir and M. W. Brother:

I have the honor to submit for your consideration the report of Masonic District No. 6, during my term of office 1929 and 1930.

The District Meeting was held at Claresholm on October 17, 1929, when M. W. Bro. S. H. Middleton, Grand Master, M. W. Bro. J. H. W. S. Kemmis, Grand Secretary, and other representatives of Grand Lodge were present.

This was one of the best attended meetings ever held in the district and was considered a success from every angle. The afternoon session was occupied in disposing of the usual business, the dedication of Cairo Lodge Hall by Grand Lodge Officers and an address by R. W. Bro. H. O. Haslam. At 6:00 p.m. a dinner was served, followed by a number of items of entertainment. The evening session was given over to addresses by the M. W. the Grand Master, M. W. Bro. J. H. W. S. Kemmis, W. Bro. Dobson of High River and Bro. D. M. Leyden of Granum. The district is indebted to these brethren for their timely messages of instruction and entertainment and also to

R. W. Bro. V. C. W. Stanley, who served as Secretary. The large attendance and the apparent interest in this meeting would indicate that District No. 6 is fully alive.

It has been my privilege and pleasure to visit, officially, all lodges in the district as follows:

Cairo Lodge, No. 32—December 27, 1929.
Stavely, Lodge, No. 33—February 3, 1930.
Joppa Lodge, No. 40—February 13, 1930.
Cornerstone Lodge, No. 19—February 20, 1930.
Corinthian Lodge, No. 22—March 4, 1930.
Nanton Lodge, No. 17—March 21, 1930.

Work was exemplified in all lodges except Joppa and Nanton and in each case was earnestly and carefully done. At Joppa Lodge the work was not put on owing to illness of the candidate and at present Nanton Lodge has no candidates. I know, however, that these lodges are proficient in the work of the several degrees.

My reception in every case was most cordial, the attendance was good and in all lodges there appears to be keen interest and the spirit of co-operation is very evident.

There seems to be a growing conviction among the brethren that we might well enlarge the sphere of our activities in the matter of Benevolence and progress is being made in this connection.

Records in all lodges are being well kept and outstanding dues are comparatively small, in fact one lodge has no outstanding dues. Two of the lodges did not have the historical register up to date but have promised to give this feature the necessary attention. Generally speaking, I consider the district in a very satisfactory state.

It is with deep regret that I record the untimely passing of our D.D.G.M. elect, W. Bro. D. Campbell, of Joppa Lodge, Granum, who was taken suddenly ill and answered the call. Joppa Lodge and the district at large will feel keenly the loss of this faithful brother who was ever ready to lend himself to the good of Masonry.

It has been a pleasure to serve as D.D.G.M. in District No. 6 and I wish to express my gratitude to the brethren throughout the district for the splendid support given me during my term of office.

I wish also to thank the brethren of Cairo Lodge who accompanied me on my visits, especially R. W. Bro. Haslam and R. W. Bro. Braren.

Fraternally submitted,

E. H. MACK.

D.D.G.M. District No. 6.

SEVENTH MASONIC DISTRICT

Taber, May 12, 1930.

To the M. W. the Grand Master of the
Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

Dear Sir and M. W. Brother:

I have the honor of submitting herewith my report on the condition of Masonry in the Seventh Masonic District for the year 1929-30.

It has been my privilege to visit all ten lodges of this district and the experience has been a pleasant and profitable one. Throughout the entire district interest in Masonry is very keen. Inter-visiting of lodges creates an admirable social atmosphere and the tone and vigour of our Institution is enhanced thereby. Business of the lodges is well conducted generally; the aim of each seems to be proper functioning with strict adherence to established customs. The matter of arrears of dues continues to be a serious problem and while earnest efforts are consistently made to collect these, results are not always satisfactory. Finances of the lodges are in fairly good shape despite arrears and the general condition is sound. The work throughout the district is admirable and I have noted with pleasure the general high degree of efficiency.

One of the most pleasing features noted is the unfailing loyalty of the Past Masters of all lodges, who by their regular presence inspire the officers and brethren with that zeal they so well exemplify. Owing to unemployment, considerable demand has been made on some for relief, constituting a heavy drain on lodge funds. These have lived up to their obligation nobly and have well exemplified the major virtue.

I am deeply indebted to the brethren of the district for the warmth of welcome ever extended me, for their courtesy and assistance at all times, thus making what at first seemed an onerous task a most agreeable and pleasant experience. Especially do I appreciate the assistance of the Past Masters and officers of the Lethbridge lodges in organizing the district meeting and for having so successfully carried out the social functions therewith. Sincere appreciation is also due the District Secretary, Bro. T. H. Edmunds, for most efficient service rendered.

NORTH STAR LODGE, No. 4

On March 10, 1930, I paid an official visit to this the oldest lodge in the district. There was a splendid attendance of members and many visitors. There was no degree work but an extensive business program, was presented, including the auditor's report which showed, despite heavy demands for relief, the lodge to be in sound financial position. North Star Lodge is vigorous and progressive and in addition to plenty of work W. Bro. Vallance and W. Bro. Stretton believe in ample recreation and provide accordingly. It was arranged that the officers and brethren should pay a fraternal visit to Sharon Lodge, U.D., on March 26th and confer the third degree. An item of particular interest was the presence at this meeting of two brethren, one Bro. Craig, who was initiated in North Star Lodge in 1889 and Bro. Scott, initiated a Mason fifty-two years ago.

DORIC LODGE, No. 31

This, my mother lodge, I visited officially on December 10th. The principal business of the evening was election of officers when Bro. Cooke was elected to succeed W. Bro. Paterson as Master of the lodge. This lodge is very active and while it records a small loss of membership, its position is financially good, owning their hall, free of encumbrance. The officers are careful in their work, which is consistently good. It was my privilege to install the officers elect on December 27th and this in the lodge in which I was initiated, was to me a great honor.

I regret to have to record the loss by death of W. Bro. H. P. Munro a Past Master of Doric Lodge and one whose interest in and zeal for

Masonry was indeed great. A brother of splendid character and sterling worth, a real man and a real Mason who is much missed by his brethren.

LETHBRIDGE LODGE, No. 39

I visited this lodge officially at an emergent meeting, held on December 12th. The occasion was of particular interest from the fact that it was "Past Masters' Night" and the third degree was conferred on three candidates. W. Bro. J. M. Thompson, acting as W. M., assisted by W. Bro. Wilkins as S.W. and W. Bro. J. H. Smith as J.W., conferred the degrees in an exemplary manner. The fourth degree afterward was a most enjoyable occasion and a number of noted brethren addressed the gathering.

Lethbridge Lodge is a really live organization whose friendly fraternal spirit brings together many brethren from other lodges. Their Past Masters are a "tower of strength," whose advice and encouragement make this a strong lodge, financially sound, excellent in work and progressive in spirit.

DIAMOND CITY LODGE, No. 65

My official visit to this lodge was made on September 15th, when I was accompanied by W. Bros. P. E. Rose and J. H. Jones. The lodges' membership is small but its Masonic spirit very great. Of the total membership of 32 but 15 are resident, nine are Past Masters and two P.D.D.G.M.'s. These furnish a sound backbone and all are enthusiasts for the lodge's welfare. Diamond City Lodge is in good shape and the work of the W.M., W. Bro. Clendinning, his Wardens and officers is highly commendable.

CHARITY LODGE, No. 67

I visited this lodge officially on February 11th, a feature of the evening being a fraternal visit from Lethbridge Lodge, No. 39. The number of visitors, together with a good attendance of members, filled the hall comfortably and added to the pleasure of the meeting. Business was ably conducted by W. Bro. Houlton and the favorable impression made by W. Bro. Cowan's conferring of the third degree at the district meeting assures a complimentary report on the ability of the lodge's officers. A sincere, earnest spirit prevails and while considerable sums have been given for relief the lodge is in sound financial condition.

VERDIGRIS LODGE, No. 100

Accompanied by Bro. Alex. Stewart, I visited this lodge officially on September 12th. W. Bro. Clark, the W. M., presided and conducted the business of the lodge in a dignified and impressive manner, particularly the balloting, to which I have frequently referred in my visits to other lodges. The officers and members are all enthusiastic, the financial condition sound and the activity good. Situated near the international boundary, they have established a Masonic good fellowship with the brethren in Montana, having had at their meetings as many as 70 visitors from Sweetgreass and Shelby, whom they in turn frequently visit.

FOREMOST LODGE, No. 103

On October 2nd I officially visited Foremost Lodge, accompanied by W. Bro. Jones. This lodge's work is good and their financial position very satisfactory. Social evenings conducted by them are events

of note in this outlying district and are thoroughly enjoyed. A splendid spirit prevails within the lodge, proper form and procedure being strictly observed by W. Bro. Brownlee and his officers. Discussion on various Masonic subjects occupied the evening at the close of which a fourth degree was heartily enjoyed.

YORK LODGE, No. 119

I visited this lodge officially on October 15th and spent a most enjoyable evening with its members and visitors. W. Bro. Thomas and his officers seemed very earnest in their efforts for the welfare of the lodge and show marked proficiency in conducting the business and work. The feature of this meeting was the conferring of the second degree on Bro. McLean and it was a remarkably impressive ceremony, unique in performance and perfect in rendition. The candidate passed a brilliant examination in open lodge, after which the degree was conferred by his father. V. W. Bro. G. N. McLean. His grandfather W. Bro. H. Fleetwood, completed the ceremony by delivering the lecture from the old Work of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, and the symbolism was illustrated by limelight. The ceremony was a delight to all who witnessed it and the performance of delivering this long lecture remarkable for one of W. Bro. Fleetwood's advanced years. This lodge is in high standing, its membership, work and financial position being good.

MANYBERRIES LODGE, No. 133

On February 12th I visited this lodge, travelling by rail from Lethbridge. Bro. Myers of Doric Lodge, then located there, was kind enough to meet and entertain me and later I was pleased to meet some old friends amongst the brethren of the lodge. W. Bro. W. M. Allen ably conferred the first degree on his son and the ceremony was both interesting and impressive. This lodge seems to be functioning satisfactorily, despite the fact that a difficult situation existed after the last election of officers, of which condition you are already informed. However, complete harmony seems to have been restored. Located as they are, there is a feeling by some that they are on the outside of things and I believe a closer district association would be desirable. Progress is being made and financial conditions are good.

SHARON LODGE, U.D.

This my first official visit was made on July 24th. W. Bro. Rose and W. Bro. Patterson accompanying me. In the absence of W. Bro. Hardy the W. M. of the lodge, W. Bro. Clendinning of Diamond City Lodge, officiated and ably conferred the first degree on two candidates. The brethren from Diamond City were present in force and I would here pay tribute to these brethren and those of the Lethbridge lodges for their ever ready and valuable assistance to this young lodge.

Showing an increase in membership of four, they also show considerable arrears of dues, leaving finances limited. The W. M. has been handicapped by not being immediately resident and in my opinion the interests of the lodge would be materially advanced by having a Master and Secretary more closely in touch. If this suggestion were carried out, I would recommend continuance of dispensation for another year to mark their progress.

DISTRICT MEETING

The annual District Meeting held in Lethbridge on October 16th consisted of two sessions, the first at 3:00 p.m. and the second at 8:00 p.m., between which supper prepared and served by the members of Laurel Chapter, O.E.S., was heartily enjoyed.

Lodge was opened by W. Bro. Vallance and officers of North Star Lodge, No. 4, in the several degrees of Antient Freemasonry. The afternoon session was made interesting by reports of the W. M.'s on the activities of their several lodges. Much interest centered on these and various problems referred to thoroughly discussed. This new feature by the Grand Master was much enjoyed and many useful suggestions offered. These reports, together with the "Question Box" and its answers by M. W. Bro. J. H. W. S. Kemmis, occupied this session, at the close of which lodge was called from labor to refreshment for two and a half hours.

Business was resumed for the evening session with W. Bro. Cowan and officers of Charity Lodge, No. 67, in charge, who proceeded to confer the sublime degree of a Master Mason on Bro. Shand. The ceremony was splendidly performed, W. Bro. Armitt assisting and all were well pleased with the able exemplification. R. W. Bro. J. H. Westbrook was then invested with a P.D.D.G.M. regalia, presented by the district, by the M. W. the Grand Master. V. W. Bro. R. Douglas was elected by acclamation as D.D.G.M. for the ensuing Masonic year, and Lethbridge was chosen as the place of meeting for the District Meeting of 1930.

The lodge was closed by Charity Lodge at 9:50 p.m., after which the brethren enjoyed the hour of refreshment, following which the M. W. the Grand Master delivered a most inspiring address. So impressive was his address that it was deemed fitting on its conclusion to bring the meeting to a close, that it remain in the minds of those present unmarred by further procedure.

This, Most Worshipful Sir, concludes my report for District No. 7 and I trust that my humble efforts will in some measure merit your approval and that of my brethren of the district.

Fraternally submitted,

R. H. ANDERSON,
D.D.G.M. District No. 7.

EIGHTH MASONIC DISTRICT

Pincher Creek, May 24, 1930.

To the M. W. the Grand Master of the
Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

Dear Sir and M. W. Brother:

I beg to submit herewith my report on the condition of Masonry in the Eighth Masonic District for the year 1929-30.

During my term of office I have travelled over one thousand miles by car to inspect the labors of the lodges in this district, and on every

occasion I have received a very warm and fraternal welcome. My first official act was in response to an invitation to preside at a joint Installation of the officers of Spitzie Lodge, No. 6, and Chinook Lodge, No. 47, in the performance of which I received the able assistance of M. W. Bro. Cruickshank, when we were honored by the presence of the M. W. the Grand Master.

The District Meeting was held in Pincher Creek, on Friday, October 18th, and was the Masonic event of the year in this district. The meeting was opened by the officers of Spitzie Lodge, No. 6. The officers of Grand Lodge were then received and welcomed with Grand Honors and it was a pleasure to see so many Grand Lodge and Past Grand Lodge officers present. Accompanying the Grand Master were: M. W. Bro. Kemmis, Grand Secretary; M. W. Bro. Cruickshank, M. W. Bro. Patterson, R. W. Bro. Blackstock, Junior Grand Warden; R. W. Bro. Geering, D.D.G.M.; R. W. Bro. Chappell, Grand Registrar; and many others. Bro. Crum was raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason by the officers of Spitzie Lodge and the able manner in which the work was conferred by W. Bro. Laidlaw and his officers received very favorable comment from the Grand Custodian of the Work.

The choice of D.D.G.M. for the ensuing year fell upon W. Bro. Harold Pinkney, P.M., of Rocky Mountain Lodge of Blairmore, and it was decided to hold the next District Meeting at Blairmore in 1930.

At the request of the Grand Master, the Masters of the various lodges were invited to discuss any problems which might be confronting them and in the main they related to arrears of dues and lack of attendance, neither of which need be discussed here. The meeting was then closed by the officers of Sentinel Lodge, No. 26. An elaborate dinner was served in the hall by the ladies of the Eastern Star, who retired at the end of the meal and the brethren enjoyed an inspiring address by M. W. Bro. Middleton as the climax to a very enjoyable and interesting day.

Another important meeting was the dedication of the new premises of Chief Mountain Lodge, No. 58, of Cardston, on December 6, 1929. This lodge has acquired a home which is unique among lodge properties and will well repay the visit of any interested brother. On this occasion the Grand Master was assisted by M. W. Bros. Jackson, H. C. Taylor, Kemmis, Patterson and many other distinguished brethren.

ALBERTA LODGE, No. 3

My visit to this lodge was a very pleasant one and I found it in excellent condition. There was a large attendance and we were honored by the presence of the Grand Master and M. W. Bro. Patterson. On this occasion the first degree was conferred in the manner one would expect from this lodge. The brethren of this lodge have every reason for optimism.

SPITZIE LODGE, No. 6

I paid my first official visit to Spitzie Lodge, No. 6, which is my "Mother Lodge", and on this occasion witnessed the conferring of the first degree, and the manner of its exemplification left nothing to be desired. This lodge is in excellent financial condition and probably has the largest attendance in the district.

SENTINEL LODGE, No. 26

A visit to Sentinel Lodge is always an occasion to be remembered and I was not disappointed, although I regretted the unavoidable absence of M. W. Bro. Cruickshank, who is a tower of strength to this lodge. The third degree was conferred in a very able manner, showing much practice. A large number of brethren were present from Blairmore and Coleman, which is quite usual as there is much intervisiting between the three lodges in the Crow's Nest Pass.

SUMMIT LODGE, No. 30

Another hearty welcome awaited me at Summit Lodge, No. 30, Coleman, when I made my official visit on Thursday, May 1st. This lodge is small, but has some very capable officers and in spite of some handicaps is making progress. The first degree was conferred by W. Bro. Barnes in a very able manner.

CHINOOK LODGE, No. 47

I have not visited this lodge yet, but I am quite familiar with its officers and affairs, and I hope to be with them on June 9th. Chinook Lodge had the misfortune to lose its lodge building and all the regalia by fire. Fortunately it was covered by insurance and, nothing daunted, the brethren proceeded to build a new home and now have as fine a premises as any village of its size. We wish them success.

CHIEF MOUNTAIN LODGE, No. 58

At its regular communication in Lethbridge last summer, Grand Lodge saw fit to change Chief Mountain Lodge No. 58 of Cardston from District No. 7 to District No. 8 and we welcome these brethren into our midst. Chief Mountain Lodge is small in numbers, but great in those things which are the essential of Freemasonry. It was my privilege to visit this lodge four times during the year. It was my intention to visit them officially on May 13th, but impassable roads made this impossible, so the brethren were good enough to call an emergent meeting on March 20th, when nearly all the lodges in this district were represented to welcome Chief Mountain Lodge into District No. 8. On this occasion we were again honored by the presence of the Grand Master, accompanied by M. W. Bro. Cruickshank, R. W. Bro. Geering, D.D.G.M., R. W. Bro. Chappell, Grand Registrar, V. W. Bro. Webb, Grand Director of Ceremonies, and many other distinguished brethren, many of whom drove by car over one hundred miles to be present. To them my heartfelt thanks are due. Altogether it was a memorable occasion.

ROCKY MOUNTAIN LODGE, No. 86

The usual warm welcome, which is extended to all visitors, was accorded me when I made my official visit to Blairmore, on April 14th. Quite a large number of brethren were present and all seemed keenly interested in the conferring of the second degree by W. Bro. Harper, who excelled himself. This lodge has a number of applications for initiations and affiliation, and a busy season seems assured.

In conclusion, I wish to express my appreciation to the members of District No. 8 for the honor they conferred on me, and I hope that by continued interest in the work of the Craft to show that their confidence was not misplaced. I should like to express my thanks to W. Bro. E. Varley, Bro. J. Varley, W. Bro. Wm. Laidlaw and Bro. Villett

for their kindness in accompanying me on many of my visits. My only other comment is, that too many members of the Craft measure their progress by the number of initiates. My hope is that I have been able to show them some greater measure of worth.

Fraternally submitted,

WALTER H. GEERING,
D.D.G.M. District No. 8.

NINTH MASONIC DISTRICT

Stettler, May 15, 1930.

To the M. W. the Grand Master of the
Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

Dear Sir and M. W. Brother:

I have the honor to submit herewith my official report as D.D.G.M. of District No. 9 for the past Masonic year.

It gives me great pleasure to present this report, because of the splendid progress that is being made by Masonry throughout the whole district. It has been my pleasure to be able to visit all the lodges once and some of them twice, during my term of office. Throughout the whole district Masonic traditions are being upheld and a cordial, friendly spirit among the lodges is quite marked. The year showed an increase of nine in the membership for the district and the prospects for the coming year are bright.

The question of each lodge having a Benevolent Fund was stressed, with the result that Apollo Lodge, No. 27, Donalda Lodge, No. 150, Big Valley, No. 140, Rising Sun, No. 122, and Monitor Lodge, No. 120, have adopted means of providing for a Benevolent Fund and Beaver Lodge, No. 56, already has a Benevolent Fund.

I would like to take this opportunity of thanking the brethren of the district for the honor of being D.D.G.M. of District No. 9 and for the hearty welcome which was accorded me at all the lodges.

APOLLO LODGE, No. 27

This being my home lodge, I have attended most of the regular meetings held during the year. My official visit was made on May 5th and I was welcomed by a large attendance, which included four Past D.D.G.M.'s. As there was no work, I had the pleasure of listening to some fine addresses. After the lodge was closed Bro. W. W. Sharpe entertained the members with moving pictures taken by him during his travels on the European Continent, which were both interesting and instructive. The books of the lodge are in good shape and well kept, the financial condition good, the historical record written up to date and an adequate amount of insurance on lodge property.

IONIC LODGE, No. 45

On Thursday, May 8th, I made my official visit to this lodge, accompanied by eight members from Apollo Lodge. There was a

splendid attendance. The first degree was conferred by W. Bro. Ross in a very creditable manner. The books are well kept and there is great enthusiasm shown by the members.

BEAVER LODGE, No. 56

I visited this lodge on October 2nd. There being no work on this evening, the time was spent in speech-making. After the lodge was closed we sat down to a very fine banquet. This lodge is in a very flourishing condition; they own their lodge building, have a good library and have had a Benevolent Fund in existence for some time.

CORONATION LODGE, No. 72

My official visit to this lodge was made on April 10th. This was their regular meeting night and it was my pleasure to witness the exemplification of the first degree by W. Bro. Ruttan and his officers. The degree work would be a credit to any lodge. The lecture was given by W. Bro. E. C. Locke in an exceedingly capable manner. On this occasion I was pleased to meet two old friends in the persons of R. W. Bros. Mitchell and Preston

MONITOR LODGE, No. 120

I paid my official visit to Monitor Lodge on October 24th, accompanied by W. Bro. Ball of Apollo Lodge. There was no work on this evening. I examined all the books and records and found them in good order. This lodge owns its lodge building and appears to be doing good work.

CLIVE LODGE, No. 121

On Wednesday evening, May 7th, accompanied by W. Bro. Connolly, W. Bro. Scotland and Bro. Wright of Apollo Lodge, I visited Clive Lodge and had the pleasure of witnessing the first degree conferred by W. Bro. Wilson. This lodge, although having but a small membership, appears to be making good progress and with an enthusiastic member such as R. W. Bro. Sissons to help, should continue to progress very favorably

RISING SUN LODGE, No. 122

On March 12th, I visited this lodge, accompanied by a number of the brethren from Apollo Lodge. This was their regular meeting night and I had the pleasure of witnessing the first degree conferred in a most creditable manner, after which I had the pleasure of presenting a Past Master's Apron to W. Bro. Parnell. This lodge, although under a debt on their new lodge building, are enthusiastic and are making good progress. I have no doubt they will be able to overcome their difficulties.

BIG VALLEY LODGE, No. 140

On October 1st, accompanied by a number of the brethren from my home lodge, I made my official visit to Big Valley Lodge and witnessed the conferring of the second degree by W. Bro. Branchley. The lodge is in splendid shape, the Secretary's duties being in the capable hands of R. W. Bro. W. J. Good.

DONALDA LODGE, No. 150

I paid an official visit to this lodge on October 14th, accompanied by brethren from Apollo Lodge, No. 27. This is the youngest lodge

in the district and are to be congratulated on the splendid manner in which their books and records are kept. There being no work, some very instructive talks on the Craft were given. After the closing of the lodge we sat down to a splendid repast.

I again visited this lodge on January 13th, when the third degree was conferred by W. Bro. Beeton, in a very masterly manner. After the conferring of the degree, I had the pleasure of assisting in the installation of officers for 1930.

DISTRICT MEETING

The Annual District Meeting and Lodge of Instruction was held at Beaver Lodge, No. 56, Castor, on October 28th, 164 members and visitors being present. The meeting was opened by Beaver Lodge, No. 56, at 3:15 p.m., and the D.D.G.M. was introduced by W. Bros. Birtles and Taylor. The Grand Lodge representatives being delayed, excerpts from the address to Grand Lodge by M. W. Bro. Mitchell, P.G.M., were read to the meeting by the Secretary. Reports of the following lodges were given by their representatives: Apollo, No. 27, Ionic, No. 45, Beaver, No. 56, Coronation, No. 72, Monitor, No. 120, Rising Sun, No. 122, and Big Valley, No. 140. Reports from Clive, No. 121, and Donalda, No. 150, were not available. These reports showed Masonry in District No. 9 to be in a strong healthy condition.

The Grand Lodge officers arrived at 5:00 p.m. and were received and introduced by R. W. Bros. Good and Sissons. M. W. Bro. Kemmis, Grand Secretary, and M. W. Bro. N. E. Carruthers, P.G.M., were introduced and received with Grand Honors. M. W. Bro. Kemmis stated that the M. W. the Grand Master was snow-bound at Cardston and would be unable to attend.

At 5:15 the lodge was called from labor to refreshment for the space of two and a half hours, for the purpose of attending a banquet at the Cosmopolitan Hotel. Labor was resumed at 7:55 p.m. Nominations for the D.D.G.M. for the next ensuing year were called and on a ballot being taken, W. Bro. A. Grace, of Monitor Lodge, was declared elected, subject to confirmation of Grand Lodge. A number of questions concerning matters of form in the different rites were asked and were answered by M. W. Bros. Kemmis and Carruthers. Invitations for the next District Meeting were received from the following: Big Valley Lodge, No. 140, Clive Lodge, No. 121, and Apollo Lodge, No. 27. By a standing vote, Big Valley was selected as the place of meeting for 1930.

An educative and informative address was given by R. W. Bro. Goddard, on the necessity of applying Masonic Ideals and Symbolism in our everyday life. M. W. Bro. Kemmis gave an enlightening talk on several questions, viz., Unaffiliated Masons and Masons suspended for N.P.D.; the connection between Grand Lodge and the subordinate lodges; the Constitution of Grand Lodge and the Benevolent activities of Grand Lodge. M. W. Bro. N. E. Carruthers traced the history of the Benevolent Fund in this jurisdiction and gave valuable suggestions for the promotion of Masonic education.

R. W. Bro. Good was then presented with a P.D.D.G.M. regalia by M. W. Bro. Carruthers, following which the lodge was closed by Coronation Lodge, No. 72, at 10:40 p.m.

In accordance with his promise to visit District No. 9, which he was unable to do at the time of the District Meeting, M. W. Bro.

S. H. Middleton, Grand Master, came to Stettler on March 21st, accompanied by M. W. Bro. N. E. Carruthers, P.G.M. An emergent meeting of Apollo Lodge, No. 27, was held and a large number of the brethren from the whole district were present to meet our Grand Master, and enjoyed a splendid address on "What Masonry Is, and What Masonry Is Not."

Fraternally submitted,

PERCY LEE,

D.D.G.M. District No. 9.

TENTH MASONIC DISTRICT

Edmonton, May 5, 1930.

To the M. W. the Grand Master of the
Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

Dear Sir and M. W. Brother:

I have the honor to present herewith my report, as District Deputy Grand Master, upon the condition of Masonry in the Tenth Masonic District for your consideration and approval.

Permit me first to mention my keen appreciation of the confidence placed in me by the brethren of the district in electing me to this high office, and I trust my humble effort has been acceptable to you and to the members of the Craft in the Tenth Masonic District.

I am pleased to be able to report that I have been able to pay at least one official visit to each lodge in the district. In most of the lodges I saw degrees conferred and in almost every case I found strict adherence to the best usages. The degree work was invariably well exemplified and uniform throughout the district. The officers are striving to conform to the Constitution of Grand Lodge and to their own By-laws. I have been particularly impressed with the work of the Secretaries. In almost every case the books and records are exceptionally well kept and I wish to take this opportunity of complimenting the Secretaries.

I am sorry to have to report that except in three lodges the historical register has been neglected. I believe if the lodges would appoint a Registrar, whose duty it is "To record all important events transpiring in the lodge throughout the year" and require them to submit a written report to the lodge at the same time that the Secretary and Auditors report, this report, when approved, to be copied into the historical register, would prove a remedy for this neglect.

On June 24th I attended a Joint Installation of Vermilion, Kitscoty, Hope and Kilwinning Lodges at Vermilion. About one hundred brethren were present and the ceremony was very ably handled by W. Bro. W. H. Scott, R. W. Bro. Fielding, W. Bro. R. H. Norton and V. W. Bro. H. P. Long.

On July 29th I accompanied the M. W. the Grand Master and Grand Secretary to Waskatenau and assisted in the constitution and installation ceremonies.

On August 1st I had the pleasure of presiding at the ceremony of turning the first sod in preparing the ground for the erection of Acacia Lodge building. One of the first initiates of Acacia Lodge, Bro. Thos. Rist, who, to a large extent, has made this project possible, performed the ceremony in the presence of a large gathering of the members.

On Saturday, August 24th, I attended an Emergent Communication of Grand Lodge for the purpose of laying the corner stone of Acacia Hall and again on Sunday, December 1st, to dedicate Acacia Hall.

On January 2nd, I accompanied R. W. Bro. D. D. Penman and several brethren from Edmonton to Westlock, and with the assistance of R. W. Bros. Penman and Sandilands, jointly installed the officers of Westlock and Earl Haig lodges.

Following is a report of my official visits to the lodges of the district:

KILWINNING LODGE, No. 110

On September 16th I visited this lodge at Minburn, having previously requested the exemplification of the first degree, which was well handled by W. Bro. Docherty and his officers. The meeting was well attended, especially by members residing at Innisfree, twelve miles distant. This is the only dormant lodge in the district, but thanks to a faithful group of active Past Masters, the lodge has been able to carry on. (See recommendation re this lodge at end of report.)

EMPIRE LODGE, No. 63

On December 16th I paid an official visit to Empire Lodge, No. 63, and conducted the ceremony of Installation of Officers with the assistance of R. W. Bro. Milner and Past Masters of the lodge. This lodge continues to hold an enviable position among her sister lodges, both in the manner of conducting its business and degree work as well as extending a hearty welcome and good-fellowship to visitors. The regular attendance of Past Masters and the very capable secretaryship of V. W. Bro. John Martland assures the continued success of Empire Lodge.

ACACIA LODGE, No. 11

On December 26th I paid an official visit to my own lodge, Acacia, No. 11, and installed the officers for the ensuing year. This year has been an eventful one for Acacia. As will be seen above it has built a splendid new home on 83rd Avenue, which is a credit to the membership. Acacia is still forging ahead both in point of attendance and membership.

VICTORIA LODGE, No. 13

On December 27th I visited Victoria Lodge, No. 13, at Fort Saskatchewan and installed the officers for the ensuing year. The lodge is quite active and capably officered. An elaborate banquet was held in the hotel at which Bro. Gerald Pelton of Edmonton Lodge, No. 7, was the chief speaker, taking as his subject "Twin Souls." The address will long be remembered by the brethren of Victoria Lodge.

DOMINION LODGE, No. 117

On December 30th I paid an official visit to Dominion Lodge and with the assistance of R. W. Bros. Teape and Sandilands conducted the ceremony of Installation. Considerable improvement is apparent both in the manner of working and in the peace and harmony of this lodge. The enthusiasm shown by the newly installed officers and the support accorded by the Past Masters, together with the efficient Secretaryship of W. Bro. Ward will do much to place this lodge on a par with its sister lodges in the city.

NORWOOD LODGE, No. 90

On January 28th I paid an official visit to Norwood Lodge, No. 90, and witnessed the first degree exemplified in an excellent manner by W. Bro. MacQuarrie and his officers ably assisted by Past Masters. This lodge is quite active, the membership is in harmony, the finances are sound, the lodge building is in excellent shape and the officers are keenly alive to their duties and responsibilities. The books and records are in the capable hands of W. Bro. Rutherford and an excellent historical register is kept by R. W. Bro. John T. McCreath.

KITSCOTY LODGE, No. 131

On February 12th I officially visited Kitscoty Lodge, No. 131. The attendance was very poor owing to the roads being drifted with snow. The lodge is very capably officered by W. Bro. Allen and his officers, the finances are in fair shape, and the books and records, with the exception of the historical register, are in good order. The lodge is active and is serving its purpose in the community. V. W. Bro. John Martland, of Empire Lodge, accompanied me on this visit and delighted the brethren with his address on "Symbolism."

ST. JOHN'S LODGE, No. 25

On Monday, March 3rd, I paid an official visit to St. John's Lodge, No. 25, Vegreville, and witnessed the working of the Master Mason's degree, which was excellently exemplified by W. Bro. Thomas and his officers. There was a large attendance of members. The business of this lodge is handled in a very capable manner, the finances are in excellent shape, harmony prevails and the real spirit of Masonry is noticeably present. The books and records are in the capable and painstaking hands of Bro. Newcombe. Bro. A. E. Ottewell, of Acacia Lodge, accompanied me on this visit and addressed the brethren on "Money Talks."

HOPE LODGE, No. 38

I paid an official visit to Hope Lodge on March 10th, being welcomed by a large attendance. This lodge has just suffered the loss, through transfer to other points, of both the W.M., W. Bro. Rolstead, and the S.W., Bro. J. S. Graham. In spite of the loss to the lodge of its principal officers no fear need be felt as to its progress, as not only the junior officers but also the Past Masters stand ready to fill the breach. The finances are in fair shape depending, however, on initiation fees to carry current expenses. The lodge is active and the attendance is very good, in spite of the long distances a number of the brethren have to travel to attend. The books and records are in the capable hands of W. Bro. Crooks.

VERMILION LODGE, No. 24

On April 1st I paid an official visit to Vermilion Lodge, No. 24, and was entertained during my stay in town by Bro. (Dr.) Bell and V. W. Bro. Long. This is one of the finest lodges in the district and I was very pleased with the capable manner in which the Master Mason's degree was exemplified, all the officers, and especially W. Bro. H. Scott, the W.M., showing a painstaking study of the ritual. The lodge is contemplating the building of a temple and has purchased a central site. They have a substantial amount in trust funds for this purpose. The books are in good shape and the lodge is to be congratulated on having Bro. J. B. Topper as Secretary. They are also fortunate in having so many active and enthusiastic Past Masters to help in guiding the destinies of the lodge.

I was also accompanied on this visit by V. W. Bro. Martland of Empire Lodge, who spoke on "Symbolism," and the brethren were very grateful to him for his splendid address.

LAMONT LODGE, No. 94

On April 7th I paid an official visit to Lamont Lodge, No. 94, accompanied by a large number of members of my own lodge, Acacia, No. 11, and although no degree work was done I am sure from the manner in which the business of the meeting was conducted, no fear need be felt as to the competency of every officer. The financial position of the lodge is quite sound and the books and records are kept in excellent shape by W. Bro. Adams. Although having a total membership of 47 only 18 are resident members, but in spite of this small percentage of resident members the average attendance is 14, which speaks well for the interest taken by the members in their lodge. A splendid social evening was thoroughly enjoyed by all proving the members of this lodge to be excellent hosts.

Bro. Gerald Pelton addressed the brethren and was accorded a hearty vote of thanks.

DISTRICT MEETING

On Saturday, November 2nd, I presided at the Annual District Meeting of District No. 10, held in Norwood Lodge Room, Edmonton. The attendance at this meeting was very poor compared with previous years but the interest shown by those present demonstrated the necessity of continuing these meetings. V. W. Bro. H. P. Long of Vermilion Lodge, No. 24, was elected as my successor as D.D.G.M. and the place of next meeting to be decided later as between Vegreville and Vermilion.

The feature of the meeting was the Grand Master's address, which will long be remembered by the brethren.

A RECOMMENDATION

I beg to submit the following recommendation to Grand Lodge:

That owing to the inactivity and lack of interest of members of Kilwinning Lodge, No. 110, at Minburn, that the lodge be moved to Innisfree, twelve miles distant to the west. The membership is about evenly divided between Minburn and Innisfree, and the prospects for a lodge at Innisfree are certainly brighter than at Minburn. Innisfree is the natural geographical location for a lodge between Vegreville on the west and Mannville on the east.

While the lodge is situated at Minburn, there is no prospect for any increase in membership, as the older lodge, Hope, No. 38, at Mannville is only about seven miles distant to the east, whereas if the lodge were located at Innisfree it would have a much larger field, between Vegreville and Mannville.

The change in location of Kilwinning Lodge has been suggested by my predecessors in office but no action has been taken. In making this recommendation I am acting without solicitation from any of the members in that territory.

Respectfully submitted,

CHAS. G. FLAVIN,
D.D.G.M. District No. 10.

ELEVENTH MASONIC DISTRICT

Vulcan, May 14, 1930.

To the M. W. the Grand Master of the
Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

Dear Sir and M. W. Brother:

I have the honor to submit herewith my report as D.D.G.M. for the Eleventh Masonic District for the Masonic year 1929-30

The lodges forming the district are as follows:

Robert Burns, No. 49, Carmangay
Vulcan, No. 74, Vulcan.
Champion, No. 84, Champion.
Pyramid, No. 108, Lomond.
Nobleford, No. 111, Nobleford.
Granite, No. 127, Blackie.
Cresset, No. 136, Barons.

Owing to the re-arrangement last June whereby Diamond City, No. 65, and Sharon, U.D., were removed from the district, the number of members at the end of the year was 370 as against 405 the previous year. Of these about one-third are non-resident. With the exception of Pyramid all the lodges are on the Lethbridge-Aldersyde Branch. Five lodges have shown a healthy increase during the year, but the oldest lodge in the district, Robert Burns, had its membership decreased by two, while Cresset, the newest lodge, just held its own. Many members of the former threw in their lot with the latter when it was formed and the result has not been satisfactory to either. On this branch line there are four lodges, Champion, Robert Burns, Cresset and Nobleford, within a distance of thirty miles, and, excepting Champion, the membership is small with a large percentage of non-resident members. However, the members are very enthusiastic and are sparing no effort to keep the flag flying in the southern part of the district. Pyramid has a membership of 37 of which 40 per cent is non-resident. My own lodge at Vulcan has the largest membership but about 47 per cent is non-resident. Granite with the second largest membership has the best percentage of resident members.

My first official visit after being installed D.D.G.M. was to Barons on June 24th when I installed the officers of Robert Burns, Diamond

City and Cresset Lodges, being ably assisted in this pleasant duty by R. W. Bros. Fuller and Rogers, past D.D.G.M.'s of the district. I was accompanied on this trip by the Rev. Bro. Kemp.

On September 12th I visited Champion Lodge when the first degree was exemplified with great credit to W. Bro. Depue and his officers. The District Meeting having been arranged for the following month at this point I discussed the arrangements for the gathering with the brethren. Bro. McQueen, S.W. of Vulcan Lodge, accompanied me on this occasion.

In company with W. Bro. Anderson, Secretary of Vulcan Lodge, I visited Pyramid Lodge on September 18th, when the second degree was conferred in a very able manner by W. Bro. H. N. Hanna and the officers, the W. M. being absent on the occasion of my visit.

Bro. (Dr.) Burke, of Vulcan, a member of Granite Lodge, visited this lodge with me on October 2nd when the first degree was conferred by the W. M. and officers in a highly creditable manner.

The District Meeting was held in the new Elks' Hall at Champion on October 15th, when 91 brethren signed the register. In addition to the Grand Master and Grand Secretary, the Grand Organist, V. W. Bro. DeFoe was present. The meeting was opened by Champion Lodge with an excellent attendance, after which the Grand Lodge Officers were received with the customary grand honors. After the adoption of the minutes of the previous district meeting, the home lodge exemplified, in part, the third degree. Discussion of the degree work, led by V. W. Bro. DeFoe, followed. The Question Drawer brought up several interesting questions which were satisfactorily answered by the Grand Master and other Grand Officers. Between the afternoon and evening sessions a most sumptuous banquet was provided by the local O.E.S. ladies and was thoroughly enjoyed by all. The reports of the W.M.'s given at the beginning of the evening session were very complete and indicative of a healthy condition prevailing throughout the district. The election of D.D.G.M. for the ensuing year resulted in W. Bro. D. McNiven of Granite Lodge being chosen, and the invitation of his lodge to meet at Blackie was accepted. The addresses of the Grand Master and other Grand Officers which followed were inspiring and instructive and were greatly appreciated by the brethren. Before the meeting closed it gave me great pleasure to thank the brethren of Champion Lodge for their co-operation in making the meeting such a success.

On November 19th I attended the Grand Master on his visit to Vulcan Lodge to celebrate the raising of the one-hundredth member. Many non-resident members were present in addition to numerous visitors and a particularly enjoyable evening was spent. The Grand Master's address, "The One Hundredth Man", was an inspiration to all present, and the musical numbers given by the Calgary Masonic Quartet were thoroughly appreciated. The meeting only broke up in time for the Calgary visitors to get home to breakfast. The evening will stand out in the annals of Vulcan Lodge and will live long in the memories of those who were privileged to be present.

On December 27th I had the pleasure of installing the officers of my own lodge, the ceremony being followed by the customary banquet and dance.

On April 1st and 14th I visited Nobleford and Cresset Lodges respectively. There being no degree work on these occasions I took the opportunity of addressing the brethren on "Landmarks." At the

Nobleford meeting I had the pleasure of presenting R. W. Bro. Cawdron with a past D.D.G.M. Jewel. The attendance was very small at the Cresset meeting on account of the bad state of the roads but in spite of this a very profitable evening was spent.

I paid a second visit to Granite Lodge on April 2nd, when W. Bro. Burke conferred the second degree in telling manner with the lecture by W. Bro. McQueen and lantern operated by W. Bro. Collier, both of my own lodge. Several other Vulcan brethren made the trip and partook of the hospitality of the Blackie brethren.

In company with W. Bro. Burke of Granite Lodge, I paid an official visit to Robert Burns Lodge on April 7th, when there was a particularly good attendance of members and visitors. The second degree was exemplified in very able manner by the officers, assisted by W. Bro. Whitmarsh. A most enjoyable evening was spent.

On May 6th I paid an official visit to my own lodge and after the second degree had been conferred with the usual care by the officers, I had the pleasure of addressing those present on the subject of "Grand Visitation" and of giving a resume of my work during the year. R. W. Bro. Ditto, Past D.D.G.M. of District No. 6, was present on this occasion.

The books of the various lodges appear to be well kept and the lodges generally are in a healthy condition financially, but the arrearages are too large, being \$300.00 or more in three cases.

I wish to thank most sincerely the brethren who have accompanied me during the year and the various lodges for the cordial reception and splendid hospitality shown.

In closing, I take this opportunity of expressing my most sincere thanks to the brethren who elected me to office, and for the kindness and consideration invariably accorded me, which have helped to make my term of office a pleasant one. I trust that I leave the condition of Masonry in District No. 11 at least a little better than I found it, and I bespeak for my successor a continuance of the happy conditions I have experienced.

Fraternally submitted,

W. A. HOWES,

D.D.G.M. District No. 11.

TWELFTH MASONIC DISTRICT

Edmonton, May 17, 1930.

To the M. W. the Grand Master of the
Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

Dear Sir and M. W. Brother:

I have the honor to submit for your consideration my report for the past year, as your Deputy in District No. 12.

I visited all the lodges in the district and witnessed degree work in most of them. The lodges are fairly active, showing a membership increase of thirty-nine, by the statistical report. While it is known

that a part of the decrease is due to natural causes, such as death and the moving about of the brethren, a goodly portion is due to suspension for non-payment of dues.

DISTRICT MEETING

The District Meeting comprising Districts No. 3 and 12 was held in Patricia Masonic Temple on Saturday, November 30, 1929. The lodge was opened by the W. M. and officers of Unity Lodge, No. 51, and the D.D.G.M.'s were received with honors. The D.D.G.M. of District No. 3 assumed the chair and received with due honors the Grand Master, M. W. Bro. S. H. Middleton, supported by other Grand Lodge officers. The minutes of the District Meeting held on November 17, 1928, were read and confirmed. Parts of the third degree were exemplified by Commercial Lodge, No. 81. The Custodian of the Work answered the questions that had been submitted. The brethren then proceeded to the election of D.D.G.M. for the ensuing year, resulting in W. Bro. F. R. Falconer, Tawatinaw Lodge, No. 71, being elected for District No. 3 and V. W. Bro. F. Steele, Westlock Lodge, No. 114, for District No. 12. At 6:30 p.m. all sat down to a very good repast, which the brethren enjoyed along with a short musical program.

The lodge was called to labor at 8:00 p.m., when the W.M.'s of the lodges in both districts gave a report of the activities of their lodges, after which we were favored by addresses from the M. W. the Grand Master, R. W. Bro. Snedden, D.G.M., and M. W. Bro. Kemmis, Grand Secretary. The lodge was closed by the W. M. and officers of West Edmonton Lodge, No. 101, at 11:00 p.m.

I wish to thank the many brethren who assisted in making the day a successful one, especially V. W. Bro. G. H. McAvoy, who has acted as District Secretary for a number of years.

CONSTITUTING AND CONSECRATING

On Thursday, August 1, 1929, Earl Haig Lodge, No. 155, was constituted and consecrated by the M. W. the Grand Master, M. W. Bro. S. H. Middleton and M. W. Bro. J. H. W. S. Kemmis, Grand Secretary. The following Grand Lodge officers were present: R. W. Bro. D. D. Penman, D.D.G.M. District No. 12, V. W. Bro. O. L. Phelps, S.G.D. and V. W. Bro. F. H. Steele, G.S. The past Grand Officers present were R. W. Bros. Sandilands, M. M. Downey, J. Hobbs and V. W. Bro. G. H. McAvoy, and a large number of Masters and Past Masters from Edmonton and Westlock.

After the solemn ceremonies of constitution and consecration had been completed, R. W. Bro. Sandilands installed W. Bro. Charters and invested his officers. R. W. Bro. Sandilands was assisted by V. W. Bro. O. L. Phelps, R. W. Bro. J. Hobbs, V. W. Bro. G. H. McAvoy and W. Bro. J. G. Campbell.

After the ceremony M. W. Bros. Middleton and Kemmis gave interesting addresses, which were listened to with a great deal of attention. The large number of brethren present then adjourned to the banquet room and, having partaken of the good things provided, the hour being late and most of the brethren having a long motor journey ahead of them, dispersed, well satisfied with the evening's work. I wish to express my appreciation to W. Bro. C. W. Boon for the use of his car to convey the Grand Master and Grand Secretary to Barrhead.

On Friday, September 13, 1929, Whitecourt Lodge, No. 153, was constituted and consecrated by R. W. Bro. S. M. Snedden, D.G.M., assisted by R. W. Bros. Penman, Sandilands and Hening, V. W. Bro. F. H. Steele and the following brethren: W. Bros. W. K. Ranton, and W. H. Stockall, of Mayerthorpe Lodge, No. 148, W. Bro. R. A. Conrad, of Pembina Lodge, No. 126, and W. Bro. W. Mathewson of Onoway Lodge, No. 138.

After the ceremonies of constitution and consecration had been completed, R. W. Bro. Snedden installed W. Bro. G. M. Crawford and invested his officers.

The brethren then adjourned to the banqueting room. There, having done justice to the good things provided, they were addressed at length by the visiting brethren, being given some good advice which is bearing fruit, even though it was given on what some believe was Black Friday, the 13th.

HISTORICAL REGISTERS

The historical registers of the lodges in District No. 12 have all been written up to date, except Westlock Lodge, No. 114. Their records were destroyed by fire some years ago and they have been neglected. I have left this matter to V. W. Bro. Steele, the incoming D.D.G.M., and he assures me that the records will be written up before another year has passed. The registrars of the lodges are beginning to realize the importance of the records, some of them being works of art.

OUTSTANDING DUES

This question has been discussed frequently. The fault does not all rest with the Secretary. I would lay the fault more with the lodges which seem to be more anxious to increase their membership without due consideration to the financial status of the applicant.

AVERAGE ATTENDANCE

The average attendance in city lodges is a little less than twenty per cent, while in the country the average is about fifty per cent. Two city lodges have thirty per cent, while one country lodge has sixty per cent.

INSURANCE

All lodges in District No. 12 report carrying sufficient insurance.

BENEVOLENCE

The lodges in District No. 12 are all alive to the importance of benevolence, and most of the lodges have Benevolent Funds, with committees taking care of the funds. The district paid out in relief the sum of \$2,315.00 during 1929.

WORK

The officers of the lodges seem to be sincere in their endeavors to render the work of the lodges in an efficient manner, and if I have any criticism it would be to the Past Masters, who should be an object lesson to the officers and some of the degrees conferred by them this year have not always been a credit to them.

OBSERVATIONS

On my travels around the district some matters have come under my observation, a consideration of which might tend to help the lodges. The first is the importance of starting the meetings on time. This would necessitate the officers being punctual. I would suggest if there is any time to waste, let it be after the meeting.

To me Masonry has always represented educative influences. Observing, as I have, in different brethren in the discharge of their respective offices a progressive improvement, I could not but think that this would reflect upon them favorably in their ordinary walks of life.

In the foregoing report it has been noted that the average attendance in the city lodges has been disappointingly low. How shall we account for this? Personally, I feel that we are planting seed in stony ground, and that we are sacrificing quality for quantity of membership.

In respect to a closer affiliation between the lodge members, I feel that interchange of visits on the part of officers of the lodges would promote a more intimate contact with the members. There is one lodge in the district that holds itself apart, which is not conducive to a cordial relationship.

It was gratifying to me to note, on the whole, a healthy condition obtaining among the lodges in the district and that the cause of Masonry gave promise of a progressive growth in the future.

In conclusion, I wish to express my appreciation to R. W. Bro. H. Sandilands for his kindly assistance when accompanying me on certain visits, and to W. Bro. C. W. Boon and Bro. F. Davies of Patricia Lodge, No. 91, for their ready co-operation in placing their cars at my service.

And, finally, let me express a further appreciation of the honor conferred upon me by the lodges in this district in electing me their District Deputy Grand Master, and of the many courtesies extended me while visiting the lodges.

Fraternally submitted,

DAVID D. PENMAN,
D.D.G.M. District No. 12.

THIRTEENTH MASONIC DISTRICT

Spirit River, June 6, 1930.

To the M. W. the Grand Master of the
Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

Dear Sir and M. W. Brother:

It gives me great pleasure to present for your consideration my report on the Thirteenth Masonic District for the past Masonic year.

First I must thank the brethren of this district for the honor they conferred upon me when they elected me D.D.G.M., which I certainly appreciate. Also I must thank those brethren who contributed so

much towards my personal comfort and helped to make my long trips a pleasure.

District Thirteen is the most northerly district in Alberta, and is also the most scattered. It will surprise quite a few to know that I have travelled 1300 miles on my official visits. It is a big district, but the time spent and the distance travelled appear as nothing when compared with the pleasure derived from the hearty handshakes and whole-hearted welcomes extended by the brethren belonging to the lodges that I visited.

DISTRICT MEETING

The Annual District Meeting was held at Fairview (Northland Lodge) in the Oddfellows' Hall on August 6, 1929, M. W. Bro. S. H. Middleton, Grand Master, and M. W. Bro. J. H. W. S. Kemmis, Grand Secretary, being present. This meeting was about the most successful district meeting ever held in District No. 13, about 100 members being in attendance and journeying from every part of the Peace River country. The most pleasing feature to my mind, from a personal standpoint, was the wonderful support that was accorded me by the presence of such a number of Past D.D.G.M.'s and Past Masters. Such attendance speaks well for Masonry in the north.

The third degree was exemplified by the officers of Northland Lodge in a manner which would be a credit to many lodges. The election of D.D.G.M. for the ensuing year resulted in an unanimous vote for W. Bro. Spaulding of Wahpun Lodge—a very worthy choice. The Grand Secretary, M. W. Bro. Kemmis, regarded as an old timer in this district, was received with applause when he arose to speak. The financial working of Grand Lodge was fully explained by him, especially the administration of the Benevolent Fund, followed by comments on the work of the third degree and other information of a similar nature. The M. W. the Grand Master, who had met the brethren personally at a recess called for that purpose, and had dispelled all temerity caused by rank distinction, was especially well received by the brethren on his taking the floor. His address on "Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth" was a masterpiece, and created a lasting impression. Personally I feel that I shall always remember the sentiments expressed by him. Long may he be spared to continue such good work.

At the conclusion of the regular business, the brethren of Northland Lodge were hosts at a sumptuous banquet held in the Empire Hotel, after which the visiting brethren left for their respective homes with the feeling that, something had been attempted, something had been done.

HYTHE LODGE, U.D.

I visited Hythe on October 5th to inspect their proposed lodge building, prior to their making application for a dispensation. I recommended to Grand Lodge that a dispensation be granted and I instituted Hythe Lodge, U.D., on October 31st in the presence of about 127 Masons. I was assisted in the ceremony by R. W. Bro. Grimshaw of Peace River Lodge, R. W. Bros. James and Oliver of Grande Prairie Lodge, R. W. Bro. Piercy and V. W. Bro. Roberts of Lake Saskatoon Lodge, W. Bro. Martin, Northland Lodge, W. Bro. Smith, Spirit River Lodge, and R. W. Bro. McLelland, P.G.S. of the Grand Lodge of Canada and the father of the W. M. of Hythe Lodge.

I again visited this lodge on April 24, 1930, and had the pleasure of seeing them at work in the third degree, which was conferred in a very impressive manner. The candidate was well prepared, the junior officers well skilled in their work, the Master well up in his duties and was very ably assisted by W. Bro. Moyer, a newcomer in the Hythe district from Saskatchewan. This lodge is very grateful to W. Bro. Moyer for the valuable assistance he has rendered since coming to the district. The lodge room is well furnished, great credit being due to Bro. Kingsbury, who has made and presented to the lodge the major portion of the furniture and movable jewels. He is not only a worthy Free and Accepted Mason, but he is a well skilled Operative Mason as well.

I have visited a large number of lodges in my lifetime and in various parts of the world, but this was the first time that I have seen a father and five sons sitting together in the same lodge at one time. That was my pleasure in this lodge on my last visit. Bro. Everton, senior, informed me that he had another son who has expressed the wish to join the Craft on attaining his majority. The lodge books and records are well kept and I strongly recommend that this lodge be granted a charter.

WAHPUN LODGE, No. 88

I visited this lodge on May 18, 1930. This is the oldest lodge in the district and is well on its way, after suffering from a depressing period, of taking its place as one of the leaders in the district. The third degree was exemplified and all the officers showed a remarkable keenness and were well conversant with their various duties. The lodge books and records are well kept, neat and up to date and I predict a great future for this lodge.

PEACE RIVER LODGE, No. 89

This lodge was visited by me on May 17th, an emergent meeting having been called for the purpose of my visit. There was a splendid attendance of the brethren and Masonry is very much alive in this lodge. The third degree was exemplified and the work showed a high standard of efficiency. The grim reaper has been busy among the members during the past year and the departure of five worthy brethren to the Grand Lodge above is very much regretted. The Committee on Fraternal Dead will report on these departed brethren, therefore I will refrain from further remarks, although there is much I would like to say. I did not inspect all the lodge books, but from the return rendered to me by R. W. Bro. Norris, this lodge would appear to be flourishing, apart from the fact that there are too many members in arrears for dues. I enjoyed my visit to this lodge immensely.

GRANDE PRAIRIE LODGE, No. 105

I visited Grand Prairie Lodge on April 25, 1930, an emergent meeting having been called to confer the second degree on one candidate and a third degree on another. The work was all that could be desired and was well divided among the Past Masters present. Financially, this lodge is in good shape, but the number of members shown in arrears is deplorable. I would strongly recommend that every effort be made to have these delinquent brethren placed in good standing again. I did not examine all the books, but those that I did see were very well kept. I was accompanied on this visit by W. Bros. Smith and Innis, Bros. Dodge, Keay, Morris, Campsall and R. A. Harrington, all from Spirit River Lodge.

LAKE SAKSATOON LODGE, No. 106

This lodge was visited by me on the 30th of May, an emergent meeting having been called for my visit. I was sorry that V. W. Bro. Roberts was confined to his home owing to sickness in the family, and as he is the lodge secretary, I was unable to examine the books and records. The first degree was conferred on a candidate and the work was up to the high standard always shown by this lodge, but especially worthy of mention was the splendid manner in which the lecture on the tracing board was delivered by W. Bro. Cowper, which made a lasting impression. This lodge is in a very flourishing condition.

SPIRIT RIVER LODGE, No. 116

This is my own lodge of which I am very proud, being one of its charter members. I have missed only one meeting during my year of office and have visited once officially. Complete harmony exists in the lodge, the books and records are excellently kept, finances are sound and the lodge attendance is a little above the average.

NORTHLAND LODGE, No. 147

My official visit was made to Northland Lodge on May 15, 1930. The meetings are held in the I.O.O.F. Hall, owing to the building formerly occupied as a Masonic Hall being destroyed by fire in November last. They managed to save the charter but most of the records were lost. An earnest effort is being made with a purpose in view of erecting a Masonic hall. The lodge being financially strong, they should be successful. I witnessed the conferring of the third degree and the work of the officers, both senior and junior, was above the average. The books and records were in excellent condition and I predict a great future for this lodge.

GENERAL REMARKS

Speaking in a general way, Masonry in the Peace River country is in a flourishing condition and is on the up-grade. Every lodge visited by me seemed to be imbued with the spirit of progress. I found nothing wrong with Masonry in the north, and if any fault is to be found it is with the individual and not with the Craft.

Fraternally submitted,

R. C. FITTON,

D.D.G.M. District No. 13.

FOURTEENTH MASONIC DISTRICT

Oyen, May 12, 1930.

To the M. W. the Grand Master of the
Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

Dear Sir and M. W. Brother:

I have the honor to submit herewith a report of my visits to the various lodges in Masonic District No. 14, and the condition of Masonry as I have found it during my term of office.

I officially visited all the lodges in the district and from the officers and members of every lodge received a most cordial reception and was afforded every opportunity of ascertaining the condition of each. The chief difficulty in all lodges seems to be the old one of unpaid dues, but the Masters and Secretaries of each are trying their best to have this evil remedied. At the last meeting of Grand Lodge held at Lethbridge, this district was greatly reduced in size, which has made the work much easier for the D.D.G.M.

DISTRICT MEETING

The Annual District Meeting was held at Craigmyle on Wednesday, October 23, 1929. The lodge was opened by the officers of Craigmyle Lodge, No. 132, at 2:30 p.m., and the D.D.G.M. was introduced, received with Grand Honors and assumed the chair. The M. W. the Grand Master and other Grand Lodge officers were then received with Grand Honors and cordially welcomed to our District Meeting. The officers of Oyen Lodge No. 104 assumed the various chairs and exemplified the third degree in a very impressive manner, being congratulated by the M. W. the Grand Master for their efficiency. Lodge was called from labor to refreshment at 5:30 p.m. and all partook of an enjoyable banquet in the basement of the United Church.

Labor was resumed at 8:00 p.m. when reports were received from all lodges in the district. W. Bro. P. Davie, of Acadia Lodge, No. 82, was elected D.D.G.M. for the ensuing year, subject to the approval of Grand Lodge, and Hanna was chosen as the place of holding the next District Meeting.

The M. W. the Grand Master then delivered a very inspiring address to the brethren which was listened to with great interest and heartily received. The Grand Secretary also addressed the meeting at length. The lodge was closed by the officers of Oyen Lodge, No. 104, terminating a very successful meeting with an attendance (I believe a record) of 120 members from six lodges.

HANNA LODGE, No. 78

I visited this lodge on October 2nd and found it healthy and vigorous. The officers are very proficient in their work and seem to take a great interest in Masonry and the affairs of their lodge. Their books and records are neat and up to date. The meetings are well attended and the interest in Masonry is very high in Hanna.

ACADIA LODGE, No. 82

On October 15th I visited this lodge officially. I received a very hearty welcome from the members and there was a good attendance at the meeting. This lodge has a very efficient staff of officers who are most interested in their work, and are ably assisted by the Past Masters of the lodge. The books and records are well kept.

HAND HILL LODGE, No. 98

I paid an official visit to Hand Hill Lodge on March 12th, and was cordially received by the brethren. I had made arrangements to visit this lodge previously in the year, but owing to weather conditions was unable to do so. I examined the books and records and found them in splendid condition and up to date, the lodge having a very capable Secretary in W. Bro. Anderson. The officers are proficient and take a keen interest in their work.

OYEN LODGE, No. 104

I officially visited this lodge on October 11, 1929, and was heartily received by the brethren. As this is my own lodge an official visit was hardly necessary from me, as I have attended every meeting during the year. The third degree was conferred and the officers performed their work in a very creditable manner. I had the privilege of installing the W. M. and investing the other officers of Oyen Lodge on St. John's night, December 27, 1929. This lodge owes a great deal to the Past Masters for the keen interest they take in the affairs of the lodge.

CROCUS LODGE, No. 115

I paid two visits to this lodge during my term of office, one official visit on October 16th and another unofficial visit about a month later. The books and records of this lodge are well kept and up to date and the officers show great interest in their work. The third degree was conferred on the occasion of my second visit, by the Past Masters, the work being very creditably performed. This lodge is making good progress.

CRAIGMYLE LODGE, No. 132

I visited this lodge on September 14, 1929, and found the lodge in very good condition. The officers are well prepared in their work and a keen interest is taken in Masonry by all the members of Craigmyle Lodge. The business of the evening was planning for the District Meeting, which was held at Craigmyle on October 23rd. I examined the books and records of this lodge and found them in good condition and up to date.

BERRY CREEK LODGE, U.D.

Accompanied by W. Bro. James Marshall, of Oyen Lodge, I journeyed to Pollockville on February 26, 1930, and instituted this lodge as requested by you, M. W. Sir. The brethren who compose this new lodge are very earnest in their desire to make it a success. Their hall is well and comfortably furnished, all equipment being made by the brethren. I would have visited this lodge again but for the condition of the roads and the difficulty of making train connections.

In closing, I would like to thank the brethren of District No. 14 for the honor bestowed on me in electing me as their District Deputy Grand Master. I hope I have not disappointed them in the performance of my duties. I would also like to express my sincere appreciation of the hearty and fraternal welcome I received from all the lodges in the district and to thank the brethren who accompanied me on my official visits, and W. Bro. Wegren of Craigmyle Lodge, who very efficiently acted as District Secretary.

Hoping that I have discharged the duties of the office to your satisfaction, Most Worshipful Sir,

Fraternally submitted,

CHAS. STEWART,

D.D.G.M. District No. 14.

FIFTEENTH MASONIC DISTRICT

Trochu, May 16, 1930.

To the M. W. the Grand Master of the
Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

Dear Sir and M. W. Brother:

I have the honor to submit herewith my report of the Fifteenth Masonic District for your consideration.

I have visited every lodge in the district officially and on other occasions have visited some of them socially. Without exception I have found a strong fraternal spirit permeating every unit in this district and on every occasion, when degrees were being conferred, the excellent and high standard of the work was gratifying and proved the exalted and sincere position in which Masonry is held by the officers and brethren. The membership shows a healthy gain for the past year, only one lodge registering a decrease. My observation has been that the new members are of the type and high standard that will add strength to our Order. On every official visit I stressed the necessity for great care in the selection of candidates. The responsibility of such selection, in my humble opinion, is being too lightly held by some of the brethren. The financial situation also shows improvement. I was much pleased with the efficient and accurate work of the several secretaries and the careful recording of the Historical Registers, the latter in my own lodge being brought up to date this past year.

On assuming my duties as your D.D.G.M. for District No. 15, I more fully realize the inconvenience caused by three of the lodges of the district using the same date for meeting, in respect to their interchange of work and visitations, as it also impedes the work of their D.D.G.M., and was rewarded in my efforts for a correction by St. Andrew's Lodge, No. 66, changing their meeting date. I heartily thank this lodge for their hearty co-operation.

ANNUAL DISTRICT MEETING

The Annual District Meeting was held at Delburne, Alberta, on October 29, 1929. Meeting was opened by W. Bro. Hodges and officers of Cavell Lodge, No. 125. The third degree was exemplified by Cavell Lodge, the work being highly commented upon by the Custodian of the Work. Constructive criticism proved of great value and was appreciated by all present. A number of questions were submitted and answered by the Custodian of the Work. During the afternoon a very instructive lecture was delivered by R. W. Bro. Grainger on "Masonic Symbols." At 6:00 p.m. lodge was called from labor to refreshment and a bounteous banquet was served in the Town Hall.

At 8:30 p.m. lodge was called from refreshment to labor by Ancient Landmark Lodge, No. 109, W. Bro. J. P. Webster and officers officiating. W. Bro. Lynn Wilson, of Fidelity Lodge, No. 76, was elected D.D.G.M. for the ensuing Masonic year and Irricana was chosen as the place for the next District Meeting. The M. W. the Grand Master presented R. W. Bro. G. W. Spires with a P.D.D.G.M. Regalia as a token of esteem from the district, for the very able manner in which he filled the office of D.D.G.M. in 1926-1927. M. W. Bro. W. J. Botterill of Kenilworth Lodge, gave a most instructive and forceful address on the Benevolent Fund of Grand Lodge, and the sincere thanks of myself

and the brethren are due M. W. Bro. Botterill and R. W. Bro. Grainger, who so kindly gave their services on this occasion.

M. W. Bro. Middleton, Grand Master, then gave a most eloquent and inspiring address, which was thoroughly enjoyed by the 112 members present, representing the seven lodges comprising District No. 15. The meeting was then closed by the officers of Ancient Landmark Lodge, No. 109.

I desire to thank R. W. Bro. Spires, who acted as my Secretary for the meeting, for the efficient and able manner in which he executed those duties. To his untiring efforts, much of the success of the meeting was due.

VISITS

On September 12th, I officially visited Cavell Lodge, No. 125, when the first degree was exemplified in a very able manner. The Master, W. Bro. Hodges, exhibits keen interest in his work. A number of brethren from Mirror and Red Deer were present. I inspected the lodge books and found the same well kept and up to date.

I paid my official visit to Cyprus Lodge, No. 113, on September 18th, accompanied by R. W. Bro. R. Hollinger, P.D.D.G.M. Although there was no work exemplified at this meeting, I can speak from personal knowledge that the Master, W. Bro. Raffin, and his officers are proficient. I found the books of the lodge in excellent order and the lodge, on the whole, in a most prosperous condition.

On October 15th, I visited Irricana Lodge, No. 137, when the third degree was impressively conferred on two candidates by W. Bro. Corbett and his officers. I was accompanied by R. W. Bro. Grainger and this proved to be one of the best meetings held during my term, 67 members and visitors being present. Irricana's new Masonic Hall is a beautiful and commodious building and reflects credit on the brethren for the success of their enterprise. On examination of their books, I found their records are neatly and accurately kept.

On November 6th, I visited Ancient Landmark Lodge, No. 109, accompanied by seven brethren of St. Andrew's Lodge, No. 66. The third degree was ably exemplified by W. Bro. J. P. Webster and his officers. I found the books written up to date and the records properly kept by the Secretary, R. W. Bro. Baugh.

It was my pleasure, accompanied by four brethren from St. Andrew's Lodge, to officially visit Fidelity Lodge, No. 76, on November 17th, when the first degree was conferred by W. Bro. Demorest and his officers in a most accurate and impressive manner. Examination of the records showed exact and painstaking work by R. W. Bro. Marshall. This lodge is one of the strongest, financially, in this district, and should possess a hall of its own.

On May 8th, I officially visited St. Andrew's Lodge, No. 66. This is my mother lodge. No work was exemplified at this meeting, but I can testify to the efficiency of the Master, W. Bro. J. P. Ferguson, and the officers, having had frequent opportunity to see their work. St. Andrew's is one of the lodges of District No. 15 that is the proud owner of its hall.

I visited Acme Lodge, No. 60, on May 15th, and received a most cordial welcome from some thirty-five members and visitors. This being the mother lodge of R. W. Bro. Grainger, I was not surprised

to find the work of the officers excellent and the books and records correctly kept. Acme Lodge owes much to his enthusiasm and although it does not show any membership gain during the year, my impression is that the spirit and zeal of the members are such that marked progress in Masonry has nevertheless been made.

In conclusion, M. W. Sir, I wish to express my most sincere appreciation of the fraternal and hearty welcome extended to me by all the lodges, and to tender my heartfelt thanks to the brethren for the high honor they conferred on me by electing me to the exalted position of D.D.G.M. I trust my humble services may have been of some value and aid to our honored Craft.

Fraternally submitted,

LESLIE E. ROACH,
D.D.G.M. District No. 15.

SIXTEENTH MASONIC DISTRICT

Carbon, May 14, 1930.

To the M. W. the Grand Master of the
Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

Dear Sir and M. W. Brother:

I have the honor to submit my report on the condition of Masonry in the Sixteenth Masonic District and of the manner of performance of my duties as District Deputy Grand Master for that district for the year 1929-30.

It has been my privilege to visit each lodge in my district twice with the exception of the two Drumheller Lodges and I have arranged to visit these again before my term of office expires. On assuming office I appointed R. W. Bro. W. A. Braisher as District Secretary. He accompanied me on all my visits and very materially assisted me during my term of office.

The books of all the lodges in my district are in good condition including the historical registers. Ample insurance seems to be carried and all lodges are in a healthy condition.

I would like to make particular mention of two lodges in my district who have no members in arrears of dues, namely: Hussar Lodge, No. 130, and Standard Lodge, No. 152. I think a great deal of credit is due the brethren of these two lodges.

DISTRICT MEETING

The District Meeting was held in the Town of Drumheller on October 24, 1929. The lodge was opened by W. Bro. G. A. Love and the officers of Rosebud Lodge, No. 149, at 2:50 p.m. The D.D.G.M. was received with customary honors and assumed the gavel. The M. W. the Grand Master, M. W. Bro. S. H. Middleton, accompanied by M. W. Bro. J. H. W. S. Kemmis, Grand Secretary, was then received and saluted with the customary honors. The Masters of the various lodges of District No. 16 then gave a brief report of the progress made in their lodges during their term of office. These reports showed

a very healthy condition of Masonry in District No. 16. W. Bro. J. G. Harrison then assumed the chair and with the officers of Drumheller Lodge, No. 146, exemplified the third degree, the work being very well done. M. W. Bro. Kemmis, Custodian of the Work, then gave a review and criticism of the Work and this was exceptionally interesting as he explained not only how the work should be exemplified but also gave the reasons for doing it in that manner. The Question Drawer was then dealt with. Great interest was shown in this feature, over thirty questions having been submitted.

The meeting was called from labor to refreshment at 6:00 p.m., and labor was resumed at 8:30 p.m. During the evening session the M. W. the Grand Master gave a most interesting and instructive address and M. W. Bro. Kemmis, Grand Secretary, also gave an interesting address with reference to the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Alberta. W. Bro. Pust of Rockyford Lodge, No. 123, was elected D.D.G.M. for the year 1930-31, subject to the approval of the M. W. the Grand Master. It was also decided to hold the next District Meeting at Carbon.

The District Meeting was then closed by W. Bro. Walrod and the officers of Rockyford Lodge, No. 123.

I wish to express my gratitude to the brethren of Drumheller for their untiring efforts in making this meeting such a splendid success. The attendance at the District Meeting was very good. 204 brethren attended and registered. Of these, 62 were from Symbol Lodge, 30 from Drumheller, 26 Carbon, 18 Rockyford, 16 Hussar, 14 Rosebud, 11 Standard and 27 from lodges outside of District No. 16.

SYMBOL LODGE, No. 93

I visited this lodge on September 26th, when I saw the first degree conferred in a very able manner by the W. M., W. Bro. Johnson, assisted by the I.P.M., W. Bro. MacCrimmon. This lodge has the largest membership of any lodge in District No. 16. They own their lodge hall, a splendid brick building, and are very progressive. I visited them later in the year and examined the lodge books, which were well kept. I have arranged to pay another official visit on May 22nd.

CARBON LODGE, No. 107

This is my own lodge and I have attended all the meetings. I paid an official visit on August 20th and May 6th. On the first visit I gave an address, "Why Lodges are Tyled," and on the second visit an address on "The Ancient Landmarks." There has been very little degree work and instead addresses supplied by the Installed Masters' Association of Alberta have been given by the Past Masters of the lodge. The brethren have found these addresses very interesting. This lodge owns its hall and has greatly reduced the amount owing on it during the past two years.

ROCKYFORD LODGE, No. 123

I have paid two official visits to this lodge and have also visited unofficially on other occasions. At my first visit on September 12th I saw the first degree conferred in a very capable manner by W. Bro. Walrod on two candidates. I was particularly impressed by the efficient manner in which the business of the lodge was conducted.

After the lodge meeting a banquet was served which was graced by the presence of the ladies of the brethren, and later a most enjoyable dance concluded my very pleasant visit to Rockyford Lodge.

I again visited this lodge officially on May 8th, when the first degree was conferred on one candidate by the new W. M., W. Bro. I. Reisch, assisted by the I.P.M. The work was well done and I found everything in good shape in the lodge, including the books. Rockyford Lodge own their hall and it is well fitted up in everyway.

HUSSAR LODGE, No. 130

I visited this lodge officially on October 14th, and was very kindly received by the Master, W. Bro. Hawkshaw. There was no degree work, but my attention was particularly drawn to the very efficient manner in which everything was done about the lodge room. This lodge is very fortunate in having an exceptionally good Secretary in Bro. Reeves. The books are in splendid order. This lodge own their lodge room and have reduced their indebtedness on the same to a comparatively small amount.

I again visited Hussar Lodge on May 12th and had the pleasure of seeing the new W. M., Bro. Snyder, confer the first degree on two candidates in a very impressive manner. I would like to see the other lodges following the splendid example of Hussar Lodge in not having any arrears of dues.

DRUMHELLER LODGE, No. 146

I paid an official visit to this lodge on October 15th and witnessed the third degree conferred in a most excellent and impressive manner by the W. M., W. Bro. J. G. Harrison, assisted by Past Master McGarry. I examined the books on this occasion and found them very well kept. This lodge is in a very sound condition financially. They rent the lodge room from Symbol Lodge, No. 93, and there is a strong fraternal spirit existing between the brethren of these two lodges. I am arranging to visit again at Drumheller Lodge on May 20th.

ROSEBUD LODGE, No. 149

On October 9th I paid an official visit to Rosebud Lodge, No. 149, and was warmly welcomed by the Master, W. Bro. Love. There was no degree work but we spent a most pleasant time socially and I had the pleasure of investing W. Bro. DeFoe as Grand Organist of the Grand Lodge of Alberta. I again visited this lodge on May 14th and met the new Master, W. Bro. Martin. I did not have an opportunity of seeing any degree work in this lodge but their other work is very good and efficient.

STANDARD LODGE, No. 152

I visited the lodge officially on September 16th and saw the W. M., W. Bro. Wagler, confer the third degree in a most impressive manner. He was ably assisted by W. Bro. Williams. I examined the books and found them in good shape. This lodge and Hussar Lodge are the banner lodges of this district, inasmuch as they have no arrears of dues.

I again visited Standard Lodge officially on April 21st and met the new Master, W. Bro. Dahl. There was no degree work on this occasion but I had the pleasure of presenting, on behalf of the lodge,

a Past Master's Apron to W. Bro. Wagler. I was glad to have this opportunity of expressing, on behalf of Standard Lodge, their appreciation of his valuable services.

In conclusion, I may say Masonry is flourishing in District No. 16. There is peace and harmony everywhere and a strong fraternal feeling among the brethren. I feel sure that my successor will do much to uphold the traditions of Masonry in this district.

I would also note that there is a much greater desire for Masonic knowledge than was apparent a few years ago. In this respect the Installed Masters' Association of Alberta have greatly helped by supplying addresses to the Past Masters of lodges. These addresses have been most interesting and I greatly appreciate the work of this association. Indeed, I think every Past Master and Worshipful Master would be well advised to become a member.

At all the meetings I have attended, the social part has been well attended to. Splendid banquets have been served and the brethren entertained with song, speech and story, showing that our lodges have not forgotten that Masonry is for social intercourse as well as moral instruction.

I wish to take this opportunity of thanking the officers and members of District No. 16 for the honor they conferred on me in electing me to the position of D.D.G.M., and for the courtesy and good fellowship shown to me on all my visits.

Fraternally submitted,

F. J. BESSANT,
D.D.G.M. District No. 16

SEVENTEENTH MASONIC DISTRICT

Wainwright, May 30, 1930.

To the M. W. the Grand Master of the
Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

Dear Sir and M. W. Brother:

I have the honor to submit the following report on the condition of the eight lodges in the newly formed District No. 17, which comprises all the lodges on the Canadian National Railway line from Tofield to Chauvin inclusive.

During my term of office I have visited all but one of the eight lodges and find them to be in a good healthy condition. It is true that some have a staggering figure of unpaid dues outstanding and this condition is not conducive to advancement or prosperity. During my visits I have pointed out the inadvisability of allowing members to get so far behind, suggesting means of coping with the situation, and feel sure that my advice will be acted upon for the betterment of the Craft in general and the prosperity of the lodges individually. Accompanying me on each occasion of my visits to the various lodges was the District Secretary, W. Bro. J. Cuthbertson, who has taken great pains in examining the books of the lodges.

I find that Masonry is advancing quite rapidly in some localities and slowly but surely in others. I have cautioned each lodge visited to be careful of the choice of new material, warning them to make careful inquiry into the previous character of all who seek admission to our ranks.

Our first District Meeting, held at Wainwright on December 2, 1929, was well attended, the brethren present being quite enthusiastic for the success of the new district. We shall long remember the inspiring address delivered by our Grand Master. It has on many occasions been the theme of discussions in my own lodge and I venture to say in the other lodges in the district as well. The interest displayed at our district meeting has been well maintained, assuring me that Masonry is very much alive in District No. 17.

Hereunder I beg to give a resume of my work:

I was invested into office on June 26th at Wainwright by R. W. Bro. M. M. Downey. My first official duty was a visit to Gratton Lodge, No. 144, on the occasion of the interment of our late W. Bro. Orville E. Chase, who was accidentally killed on the railway crossing at Irma station on July 27th, the funeral being held on July 29th. The late W. Bro. Chase was a real Mason in every sense of the word. The funeral was the largest ever seen by any in attendance, in a country town, which was evidence of the high esteem in which our late brother was held in the community. Forty-nine brethren walked in procession from the lodge room to the church and thence to the cemetery.

BUFFALO PARK LODGE, No. 44

I paid an official visit to my own lodge on March 26, 1930, when the second degree was conferred by the Master, W. Bro. C. T. Lally, assisted by Past Masters of the lodge. The work was well done. The lodge is in splendid financial position, the new lodge hall which they occupy being the finest in the district.

PALESTINE LODGE, No. 46

On April 30th, in company with the District Secretary, I paid my official visit to Palestine Lodge. We were royally received and a splendid showing of members were in attendance. I did not call for the exemplification of the degrees in the usual manner but instead I asked for demonstrations of various portions of the Work, when I corrected the officers where necessary. When I had satisfied myself as to their proficiency in this way, I asked for questions from any members, with the result that I was kept busy for some time. This lodge is financially in good condition, notwithstanding that arrears of dues amount to an enormous figure. W. Bro. Cuthbertson as well as myself gave them a little talk impressing upon the officers the necessity of interviewing the delinquents and coming to some arrangement with them with regard to payment of their arrears.

CONNAUGHT LODGE, No. 69

On August 27, 1929, I visited the brethren of Connaught Lodge, No. 69, and gave my ready approval for their removal to more commodious quarters.

I paid my official visit to this lodge on May 13th, accompanied by a number of Past Masters and brethren from Buffalo Park Lodge. A number of visiting brethren from Irma and other points were also present. The second degree was very ably conferred by the sitting

Master, W. Bro. Little. The lodge is in fine condition financially and as regards membership. Good judgment is shown in the selection of candidates, which has resulted in the membership being comprised of the very cream of their jurisdiction. The candidate who was being passed on this occasion was excellent Masonic material.

ALBION LODGE, No. 97

On November 7th I paid an official visit to this lodge in company with W. Bros. Sutherland and Cuthbertson of Buffalo Park Lodge. The sitting Master, W. Bro. Guthrie Cooper, was in the chair. A portion of the third degree was demonstrated and any discrepancies noted were pointed out. I was most agreeably surprised to find this lodge in a wonderfully creditable position financially as I had been given the impression that they were not very active. It is true that they are not strong in numbers but they are most enthusiastic. They are contemplating the building of a temple for themselves and have a substantial sum on hand as well as a site purchased for this purpose. the present lodge room is not very well adapted for the display of the work.

EDGERTON LODGE, No. 102

I paid an official visit to this lodge on their regular meeting on October 14, 1929. They had both the second and third degrees to confer, which gave me very little time with them for instruction. This was not really fair to the brethren of the lodge or myself and I decided to visit them again at a later date.

GRATTON LODGE, No. 144

On November 22, 1929, I visited this lodge, being accompanied by several Past Masters from Wainwright. This was a special meeting called for the purpose of my visit. The third degree was demonstrated in a very able manner by the W. M. and his officers, there being scarcely any correction necessary. I do not think I have seen the third degree more ably exemplified and W. Bro. Schon and his officers deserve great credit. Gratton Lodge is only five years old but the members are most energetic and enthusiastic in their duties.

A second visit was paid to this lodge on May 12, 1930, again making it an official visit. Past Masters from Buffalo Park Lodge and Edgerton Lodge accompanied me as well as a number of brethren. The occasion was the commemoration of the fifth anniversary of the lodge. I was present at its inception and it is a source of great satisfaction to note the splendid growth of this young lodge since that time. There was an attendance of 50, 27 visitors and 23 members, which number filled their small lodge room to capacity. We were accorded the same hearty welcome that is always tendered visitors to this lodge. The evening was taken up with congratulatory speeches from the visiting brethren and a splendid resume of the growth of the lodge given by the Master, W. Bro. Schon. They have acquired some fine timber in the five years of labor.

VICTORY LODGE, No. 112

On May 1, 1930, accompanied by a number of the brethren of nearby lodges, I paid an official visit to Victory Lodge, No. 112. A candidate was passed to the Fellowcraft degree, and I corrected the officers occasionally during the ceremony.

This lodge has but a handful of members, but they are in good financial condition and show slow but steady growth since their membership was seriously depleted on the inception of Gratton Lodge in 1925. The bulk of their membership is made up of farmers, but their average attendance is $10\frac{1}{2}$ so that considering the distance that some of them have to come, this attendance is remarkably good. The main part of my remarks had to be given during the refreshment hour and as the new candidate was present I had to confine these remarks to the two degrees. Many of the Jarrow brethren visit Gratton Lodge at Irma regularly and the brethren of Gratton also visit Victory Lodge frequently.

Victory Lodge had the misfortune to lose all their property in a disastrous fire on May 14th. I am arranging to visit them at once and will make a special report on this occurrence.

DYNAMIC LODGE, No. 96

On May 28th, I paid an official visit to this lodge. I gave them permission to meet in the town hall as their own room was quite inadequate for this special meeting. Even then, the 99 members and visitors taxed the capacity of the council chamber. The meeting was most enjoyable, the work consisting of a portion of the third degree, being really well exemplified by the Master, W. Bro. Fleming. Being the annual "Past Masters' Night" the brethren had taken pains to make everything about the lodge as attractive as possible. For some time the lodge has suffered from lack of interest, during which arrears amounting to a large figure have accumulated. The Master, however, has appointed a strong committee to deal with this problem and I feel assured that by the end of the year a large percentage of outstanding dues will be collected and the membership in good standing again.

The W. M., in referring to the loss sustained by Victory Lodge, No. 112, in the fire which destroyed all their property, at the suggestion of several brethren, requested donations from those present to assist this small lodge to re-establish their home. The collection brought in \$53.50, while a member of St. John's Lodge, Vegreville, pledged his lodge to a donation of \$25.00 and others promised to bring the matter to the attention of their lodges.

After lodge was closed, we repaired to an adjoining building, where a banquet was spread. Toasts were pledged and responded to and a quartette of entertainers from Viking were much enjoyed. Bro. Hughes of Unity Lodge, No. 51, Edmonton, gave a most impressive and instructive lecture on Astrology and its relation to Masonry.

I wish to append hereto my sincere thanks to all those brethren who were kind enough to accompany me on a number of official visits and particularly do I wish to express my earnest thanks and approval for the efficient manner in which my Secretary, W. Bro. Cuthbertson, performed the work of the office. And last, but not least, my thanks are tendered to those brethren who so kindly received me and for their kindly welcome and unfailing courtesy when paying my official visits to the various lodges in District No. 17.

Fraternally submitted,

W. W. YEAGER,

D.D.G.M. District No. 17.

Resolved, on motion of R. W. Bro. H. D. R. Stewart (83), seconded by W. Bro. W. J. Fleming (96), "That the reports of the D.D.G.M's be received and referred to the Committee on the Condition of Masonry."

Report of the Grand Treasurer

To the M. W. the Grand Master, Officers and Representatives
of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

M. W. Sir and Brethren:

I herewith submit to you my report as Grand Treasurer for the fiscal year ending January 31, 1929:

February 1, 1929, Cash in Bank	\$ 4,948.47
Total Deposits.	26,473.94
	\$31,422.41

Less:

Cheques issued	\$15,822.20
Transfers to Benevolent and Relief Funds	13,497.32
	\$29,319.52

January 31, 1930, Cash in Bank	\$ 2,102.89
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A detailed account of above receipts and disbursements is fully set forth in the reports of the Grand Secretary and Auditor.

Fraternally submitted,

THOMAS SHARPE,
Grand Treasurer.

STATEMENT OF BONDS

As at May 31, 1930

(Fully Registered)	Rate	Amount	Date of Maturity
Dominion of Canada 5½ per cent.		\$ 5,000.00	
Dominion of Canada 5½ per cent.		10,000.00	
Dominion of Canada 5½ per cent.		10,000.00	
Dominion of Canada 5½ per cent.		10,000.00	
Dominion of Canada 5½ per cent.		450.00	1 Nov. '34
Dominion of Canada 5 per cent.		100.00	15 Apr. '43
Dominion of Canada 4½ per cent.		100.00	15 Oct. '44
Province of Alberta 6 per cent.		4,000.00	15 Jan. '36
Province of Alberta 6 per cent.		8,000.00	1 Apr. '36
Province of Alberta 5 per cent.		12,500.00	15 Feb. '40
Province of Alberta 5 per cent.		21,000.00	1 July '43
Province of Alberta 5 per cent.		11,000.00	1 July '48
Province of Alberta 5 per cent.		5,000.00	15 Feb. '40
Province of Alberta 4½ per cent.		8,000.00	15 Oct. '54
Province of Alberta 4½ per cent.		5,000.00	1 Jun. '67
Province of Alberta 4½ per cent.		5,000.00	1 Oct. '56
Province of Alberta 4½ per cent.		5,000.00	15 Oct. '54
Province of Alberta 4½ per cent.		6,000.00	1 Jun. '67
Province of Alberta 4½ per cent.		5,000.00	1 Jun. '67

REPORT OF THE GRAND TREASURER (continued)

Province of Alberta	4½ per cent.	8,000.00	1 Jun. '67
Province of Alberta	4 per cent.	5,353.33	1 Jun. '38
City of Edmonton	5½ per cent.	3,000.00	1 Mar. '44
City of Edmonton	5½ per cent.	2,000.00	1 Nov. '45
City of Edmonton	5½ per cent.	1,000.00	1 Apr. '47
City of Calgary	4½ per cent.	1,946.66	1 Jul. '42
Total.		\$152,449.99	

We hereby certify that we have carefully checked the bonds in the Safety Deposit Box in the Bank of Nova Scotia, and find the above statement to be correct.

THOMAS SHARPE,
Grand Treasurer.

WM. IRELAND, C.A.,
Auditor.

Resolved, on motion of R. W. Bro. A. J. Davis (23), seconded by R. W. Bro. G. M. Blackstock (35), "That the Report of the Grand Treasurer and Statement of Bonds be received and referred to the Committee on Finance."

Report of the Grand Secretary

Calgary, June 10, 1930

To the M. W. the Grand Master, Officers and Members
of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

M. W. Sir and Brethren:

I herewith present the Twenty-fifth Annual Report of your Grand Secretary, containing a statement of monies received from lodges and lodge balances for the financial year ending January 31, 1930. A statement of receipts and expenditures and of the assets and liabilities as of that date will be found in the Auditor's Report. I also present a synopsis of the returns of the several lodges to December 31, 1929, together with a statement of certificates and charters issued; new lodges formed; by-laws and amendments thereto; dispensations issued; and all other official acts of the M. W. the Grand Master and transactions of this office for the past year.

Proceedings

One thousand copies of the Proceedings of the last Annual Communication were printed and distributed in accordance with the requirements of Grand Lodge.

Certificates

In accordance with section 71 of the Constitution, certificates were issued to all elected and appointed officers of Grand Lodge.

I have issued 640 Master Mason Certificates to brethren raised during the year.

During the past year 37 Life Members were registered and the requisite certificates issued.

I have also issued 139 Past Master Certificates to Past Masters who applied for the same.

Charters

In compliance with instructions of Grand Lodge, charters were issued to the following lodges, and these lodges were duly constituted and their officers installed:

Whitecourt Lodge, No. 153, at Whitecourt, in the Twelfth Masonic District, constituted September 13, 1929, by R. W. Bro. S. M. Snedden, Deputy Grand Master.

Waskatenau Lodge, No. 154, at Waskatenau, in the Third Masonic District, constituted July 29, 1929, by M. W. Bro. S. H. Middleton, Grand Master.

Earl Haig Lodge, No. 155, at Barrhead, in the Twelfth Masonic District, constituted August 1, 1929, by M. W. Bro. S. H. Middleton, Grand Master.

New Lodges

Sharon Lodge, at Iron Springs, in the Seventh Masonic District. Dispensation re-issued June 14, 1929.

Hythe Lodge, at Hythe, in the Thirteenth Masonic District. Dispensation issued October 24, 1929. Samuel Herbert McClelland, W.M.; Fred Eugene Everton, S.W.; Albert Sidney Chilton, J.W. Instituted October 31, 1929, by R. W. Bro. R. C. Fitton, D.D.G.M.

Berry Creek Lodge, at Pollockville, in the Fourteenth Masonic District. Dispensation issued December 28, 1929. William Jack Winning, W.M.; David Allan Grosert, S.W.; Lawrence Edgar Helmer, J.W. Instituted February 26, 1930, by R. W. Bro. Chas. Stewart, D.D.G.M.

By-Laws

The M. W. the Grand Master has examined and approved the By-Laws of the following:

Apollo, No. 27	Oct. 10, 1929
Brooks, No. 73	Nov. 12, 1929
Camrose, No. 37	Jan. 4, 1930
Mount Lebanon, No. 54	Mar. 18, 1930
Earl Haig, No. 155	May 26, 1930

Amendments to By-Laws

Renfrew, No. 134	July 10, 1929
Bassano, No. 55	Aug. 26, 1929
Cairo, No. 32	Aug. 19, 1929
Patricia, No. 91	Sept. 20, 1929
King George, No. 59	Oct. 7, 1929
Spitzie, No. 6	Oct. 14, 1929
Jasper, No. 14	Nov. 6, 1929
Patricia, No. 91	Nov. 12, 1929
Summit, No. 30	Nov. 18, 1929
Mount Lebanon, No. 54	Nov. 18, 1929
St. Mark's, No. 118	Nov. 18, 1929
Whitecourt, No. 153	Nov. 18, 1929
Norwood, No. 90	Dec. 20, 1929
Symbol, No. 93	Dec. 24, 1929
Cascade, No. 5	Dec. 28, 1929
Zetland, No. 83	Jan. 4, 1930
Crescent, No. 87	Jan. 4, 1930
Concord, No. 124	Jan. 4, 1930
Ashlar, No. 28	Jan. 9, 1930
Rocky Mountain, No. 86	Jan. 14, 1930
Sentinel, No. 26	Jan. 16, 1930
Nobleford, No. 111	Feb. 5, 1930
Crocus, No. 115	Feb. 5, 1930
St. Mark's, No. 118	Feb. 5, 1930
Cairo, No. 32	Feb. 8, 1930
Efficiency, No. 141	Feb. 8, 1930
Ivanhoe, No. 142	Feb. 14, 1930
Apollo, No. 27	Feb. 14, 1930
Saskatchewan, No. 92	Feb. 25, 1930

St. Mark's, No. 118.....	Mar. 8, 1930
Lake Saskatoon, No. 106.....	Apr. 14, 1930
Lochearn, No. 151.....	Apr. 24, 1930
Empire, No. 63.....	May 26, 1930
Hanna, No. 78.....	May 26, 1930
Gratton, No. 144.....	May 23, 1930
Edmonton, No. 7.....	June 5, 1930
Manyberries, No. 133.....	June 5, 1930

Dispensations

To Wear Regalia at Divine Service

Britannia, No. 18.....	June 9, 1929
St. Mark's, No. 118.....	June 27, 1929
Apollo, No. 27.....	June 27, 1929
Eureka, No. 10.....	Aug. 13, 1929

To Hold Special Installations

Gratton, No. 144.....	June 19, 1929
Sar of the West, No. 34.....	June 19, 1929
Buffalo Park, No. 44.....	June 19, 1929
Edson, No. 68.....	June 19, 1929
Onoway, No. 138.....	June 19, 1929
Norwood, No. 90.....	June 21, 1929
Hope, No. 38.....	July 8, 1929
Empire, No. 63.....	Nov. 25, 1929
Edmonton, No. 7.....	Dec. 5, 1929
Acacia, No. 11.....	Dec. 5, 1929
Unity, No. 51.....	Dec. 5, 1929
Zetland, No. 83.....	Dec. 5, 1929
Saskatchewan, No. 92.....	Dec. 5, 1929
Verdigris, No. 100.....	Dec. 5, 1929
Dominion, No. 117.....	Dec. 5, 1929
Ivanhoe, No. 142.....	Dec. 7, 1929
Bow River, No. 1.....	Dec. 9, 1929
Renfrew, No. 134.....	Dec. 9, 1929
Calgary, No. 23.....	Dec. 11, 1929
St. Mark's, No. 118.....	Dec. 13, 1929
Concord, No. 124.....	Dec. 13, 1929
Ashlar, No. 28.....	Dec. 19, 1929
Excelsior, No. 80.....	Dec. 19, 1929
Earl Haig, No. 155.....	Dec. 20, 1929
Perfection, No. 9.....	Dec. 23, 1929
Hand Hill, No. 98.....	Dec. 24, 1929
Westlock, No. 114.....	Dec. 24, 1929
Drumheller, No. 146.....	Dec. 24, 1929
Mayerthorpe, No. 148.....	Dec. 27, 1929
Donalda, No. 15.....	Dec. 28, 1929
Lochearn, No. 151.....	Dec. 28, 1929
Whitecourt, No. 153.....	Dec. 31, 1929
Coal, No. 62.....	Jan. 2, 1930
Bassano, No. 55.....	Jan. 3, 1930
Northland, No. 147.....	Jan. 10, 1930
Harmony, No. 75.....	Feb. 5, 1930

To Hold Special Elections

Gratton, No. 144.....Apr. 26, 1930

To Elect and Invest Out of Time

Summit, No. 30.....July 2, 1929
 Forestburg, No. 128.....July 11, 1929
 Star of the West, No. 34.....Sep. 18, 1929
 Palestine, No. 46.....Nov. 30, 1929
 Big Valley, No. 140.....Jan. 18, 1930
 Cairo, No. 32.....Jan. 23, 1930
 Standard, No. 152.....Feb. 4, 1930
 St. John's, No. 25.....Mar. 8, 1930
 Rockyford, No. 123.....Apr. 24, 1930
 Bassano, No. 55.....Apr. 26, 1930

To Invest Out of Time

Commercial, No. 81.....Dec. 31, 1929
 Wahpun, No. 88.....Jan. 7, 1930
 Ivanhoe, No. 142.....Jan. 10, 1930
 Brooks, No. 73.....Jan. 16, 1930

To Change Night of Regular Meeting

Cascade, No. 5.....Aug. 19, 1929
 Ivanhoe, No. 142.....Aug. 20, 1929
 Cornerstone, No. 19.....Sep. 23, 1929
 Alberta, No. 3.....Oct. 28, 1929
 North Star, No. 4.....Nov. 1, 1929
 St. Mark's, No. 118.....Nov. 1, 1929
 Irricana, No. 137.....Nov. 16, 1929
 Empire, No. 63.....Nov. 25, 1929
 Forestburg, No. 128.....Nov. 30, 1929
 Sharon, U.D.....Nov. 30, 1929
 Hanna, No. 78.....Dec. 13, 1929
 Granite, No. 127.....Dec. 13, 1929
 West Edmonton, No. 101.....Dec. 16, 1929
 Eureka, No. 10.....Dec. 20, 1929
 Dynamic, No. 96.....Dec. 20, 1929
 Bow River, No. 1.....Dec. 21, 1929
 Zetland, No. 83.....Dec. 24, 1929
 York, No. 119.....Apr. 23, 1930
 Cascade, No. 5.....Apr. 24, 1930
 Ivanhoe, No. 142.....May 7, 1930
 Buffalo Park, No. 44.....May 14, 1930
 Carbon, No. 107.....May 14, 1930
 Jasper Park, No. 143.....May 14, 1930
 Rosebud, No. 149.....May 17, 1930

To Act with Physical Defect

Onoway, No. 138.....Feb. 25, 1930
 Pyramid, No. 108.....Apr. 8, 1930
 Rockyford, No. 123.....Apr. 29, 1930

To Initiate Without Residence Qualifications

Peace River, No. 89	June 19, 1929
Eureka, No. 10	Nov. 18, 1929
Saskatchewan, No. 92	Feb. 18, 1930

To Extend the Time for Initiation Fifteen Days on Account of Lodge Not Able to Meet Until Constituted

Earl Haig, No. 155	Aug. 15, 1929
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GRAND REPRESENTATIVES

Upon the recommendation of the M. W. the Grand Master of Delaware, the M. W. the Grand Master has appointed W. Bro. George T. Macklin, of Millford, Delaware, our Grand Representative near the Grand Lodge of Delaware.

Upon the recommendation of the M. W. the Grand Master of Georgia, the M. W. the Grand Master has appointed W. Bro. Vivian O. Kimsey, of Decatur, Georgia, our Grand Representative near the Grand Lodge of Georgia.

Upon the recommendation of the M. W. the Grand Master of New York, the M. W. the Grand Master has appointed W. Bro. Arthur Jones, of New York, our Grand Representative near the Grand Lodge of New York.

Upon the recommendaion of the M. W. the Grand Master of South Carolina, the M. W. the Grand Master has appointed R. W. Bro. George I. Whetsell, of Orangeburg, S.C., our Grand Representative near the Grand Lodge of South Carolina.

Upon the recommendation of the M. W. the Grand Master of Alberta, brethren were commissioned as Grand Representatives of other Grand Lodges, near the Grand Lodge of Alberta as follows:

<i>Jurisdiction</i>	<i>Representative</i>
Alabama	R. W. Bro. E. G. Ironside, Calgary
Chili	R. W. Bro. W. H. Geering, Pincher Creek
Delaware	R. W. Bro. G. M. Blackstock, Medicine Hat
Florida	W. Bro. C. W. Boon, Edmonton
Idaho	R. W. Bro. J. H. Westbrook, Lethbridge
Kentucky	R. W. Bro. A. M. Densmore, Lundbreck
Maine	R. W. Bro. Chas. G. Flavin, Edmonton
Maryland	W. Bro. Wm. Betts, Cardston
Mexico (York Grand Lodge)	M. W. Bro. G. E. Cruickshank, Hillcrest
Minnesota	R. W. Bro. O. Rostrup, Cardston
New Brunswick	W. Bro. Geo. B. McLeod, Edmonton
Prince Edward Island	R. W. Bro. W. J. Merrick, Claresholm
South Carolina	W. Bro. G. T. French, Calgary
South Dakota	R. W. Bro. D. D. Penman, Edmonton
Texas	M. W. Bro. H. P. Reid, Edmonton
Victoria	R. W. Bro. W. M. Peel, Calgary

The following Special Committees were appointed by the M. W. the Grand Master:

Grand Master's Address

M. W. Bro. H. C. Taylor, Chairman; M. W. Bro. J. A. Jackson; M. W. Bro. H. P. Reid.

Grand Secretary's Report

M. W. Bro. E. T. Bishop, Chairman; M. W. Bro. G. E. Cruickshank M. W. Bro. A. M. Mitchell.

Fraternal Dead

R. W. Bro. W. T. H. Cripps, Chairman; R. W. Bro. V. H. Mao-aulay; R. W. Bro. J. G. Goddard.

Revision of "The Work"

M. W. Bro. A. M. Mitchell, M. W. Bro. G. E. Cruickshank, M. W. Bro. J. A. Jackson, R. W. Bro. Wm. Ireland, R. W. Bro. N. T. Macleod; M. W. Bro. F. S. Selwood, M. W. Bro. W. J. Botterill, M. W. Bro. H. P. Reid, M. W. Bro. J. H. W. S. Kemmis and R. W. Bro. W. J. Merrick.

Grand Lodge Bulletin

R. W. Bro. A. J. Davis, Chairman; R. W. Bro. V. A. Bowes, R. W. Bro. A. Davison.

MEMBERSHIP

Total Membership, December 31, 1928. 13,720

Increase

Initiated.	634	
Passed.	661	
Raised.	640	
Joined.	309	
Reinstated	61	
Total Increase.		1,004

Decrease

Dimitted.	317	
Suspended N.P.D.	215	
Suspended U.M.C.	2	
Died.	143	
Total Decrease.		677

Net Increase. 327

Total Membership, December 31, 1929. 14,047

This year the Secretaries made their returns, with one or two exceptions, in good time, and lodge balances are in better shape than usual. I might, however, impress upon Masters and Secretaries of

lodges the necessity for more care in making up these semi-annual returns. It may be surprising, but it is a fact, that over half the returns sent in contained errors and omissions. This means long and arduous work in the office, checking and re-checking, making out correction slips from our own records and writing letters. If Secretaries would carefully follow instructions much of this could be avoided. They should check the statistical part of the returns with their previous statement and see that it agrees. They should give all names in full, writing plainly, or preferably typing them in, being careful as to correct spelling—many certificates have to be re-written because of a mistake in spelling. Dates of birth, day, month and year, should always be given and all other particulars under their proper headings correctly filled in.

In this connection, a special circular has been prepared and will be sent out with the return forms for June, and I would urge that particular attention be given to the instructions.

Accuracy in these matters is today of greater importance than ever before. Legislation is yearly being enacted, such as Old Age Pensions and other Ordinances primarily intended for the relief of human distress. In nearly every case this legislation demands proof of age, residence, nationality, etc. Often this office is called upon to assist in substantiating the claim of some brother or of his dependents to these benefits, and our Benevolence Committee insist that where this form of benefit exists, it should be taken advantage of. The fact that our records are well and accurately kept is recognised and their usefulness has been demonstrated time and again. So the lodge Secretary's task becomes a Masonic duty to provide a record that may be the means of securing to a brother some benefit he may sorely need at some future day.

The volume of correspondence has greatly increased during the year. The Grand Lodge office is called upon for many and varied services, all of which were rendered as far as the ability and resources of the office could extend, and may I add, it was not without a great deal of pleasure that I had a part in rendering these services.

I had the pleasure of attending the Grand Master on his visitations to the various District Meetings. In almost every case these meetings indicated sustained interest and genuine desire for information and education. They were well attended and the questions asked and suggestions brought forward for discussion, showed that we have many members thinking and working for the best interests of Masonry in this jurisdiction.

I would recommend that a special ceremony for Opening and Closing these District Meetings be adopted by Grand Lodge. The present ceremonies used are those for Opening and Closing regular lodges and are hardly appropriate for these gatherings. Having this in mind I requested M. W. Bro. A. M. Mitchell to consider the matter, he being Chairman of the Committee on Revision of the Work. He has kindly prepared such a form, which is worthy of consideration.

It is a distinct advantage to meet the brethren at these District Meetings, with whom we have been in correspondence, thus acquiring that personal touch which leads to a better understanding and satisfactory solution of problems that have arisen, or may arise in the future.

Fraternally submitted,

J. H. W. S. KEMMIS,
Grand Secretary.

Financial Report of the Grand Secretary and Auditor's Report for the Year Ending January 31st, 1930

FINANCIAL STATEMENT OF THE GRAND SECRETARY

The Grand Secretary in Account with Grand Lodge

Monies received between February 1, 1929, and January 31, 1930

No.	Name of Lodge	Amount	No.	Name of Lodge	Amount
1.	Bow River.....	\$489.20	40.	Joppa.....	162.29
2.	Medicine Hat.....	381.30	41.	King Solomon....	56.25
3.	Alberta.....	148.50	42.	Bowden.....	133.30
4.	North Star.....	654.35	43.	Tuscan.....	108.20
5.	Cascade.....	270.50	44.	Buffalo Park.....	142.93
6.	Spitzie.....	71.25	45.	Ionic.....	68.25
7.	Edmonton.....	506.95	46.	Palestine.....	149.40
8.	Innisfail.....	135.25	47.	Chinook.....	56.70
9.	Perfection.....	365.25	48.	Crossfield.....	122.10
10.	Eureka.....	356.25	49.	Robert Burns.....	65.35
11.	Acacia.....	370.40	50.	Comet.....	115.95
12.	Red Deer.....	227.60	51.	Unity.....	754.20
13.	Victoria.....	113.50	53.	Strathmore.....	164.42
14.	Jasper.....	277.85	54.	Mount Lebanon..	415.55
15.	Wetaskiwin.....	178.10	55.	Bassano.....	147.50
16.	Mountain View....	179.58	56.	Beaver.....	130.25
17.	Nanton.....	171.10	57.	Grassy Lake.....	99.75
18.	Britannia.....	79.40	58.	Chief Mountain ..	109.35
19.	Cornerstone.....	296.35	59.	King George.....	584.95
20.	Carstairs.....	112.10	60.	Acme.....	92.50
21.	King Hiram.....	217.17	61.	Provost.....	106.45
22.	Corinthian.....	306.10	62.	Coal.....	71.85
23.	Calgary.....	646.45	63.	Empire.....	271.05
24.	Vermilion.....	288.19	64.	Bow Island.....	371.10
25.	St. John's.....	188.91	65.	Diamond City....	49.35
26.	Sentinel.....	115.34	66.	St. Andrew's....	115.05
27.	Apollo.....	222.75	67.	Charity.....	161.50
28.	Ashlar.....	392.65	68.	Edson.....	278.95
29.	Kenilworth.....	166.75	69.	Connaught.....	84.85
30.	Summit.....	116.15	70.	Quarry.....	88.85
31.	Doric.....	111.50	71.	Tawatinaw.....	130.00
32.	Cairo.....	139.80	72.	Coronation.....	170.70
33.	Stavely.....	131.70	73.	Brooks.....	207.70
34.	Star of the West..	186.15	74.	Vulcan.....	181.20
35.	Mizpah.....	212.00	75.	Harmony.....	40.25
36.	Gleichen.....	171.40	77.	Strathcona.....	324.30
37.	Camrose.....	116.75	78.	Hanna.....	189.40
38.	Hope.....	107.65	79.	Morning Star....	55.00
39.	Lethbridge.....	278.90	80.	Excelsior.....	55.67

No.	Name of Lodge	Amount	No.	Name of Lodge	Amount
81.	Commercial.....	362.75	123.	Rockyford.....	55.60
82.	Acadia.....	94.75	124.	Concord.....	206.45
83.	Zetland.....	412.50	125.	Cavell.....	94.10
84.	Champion.....	132.85	126.	Pembina.....	73.80
85.	Suffield.....	18.75	127.	Granite.....	134.05
86.	Rocky Mountain..	70.60	128.	Forestburg.....	49.10
87.	Crescent.....	632.60	129.	Meridian.....	53.65
88.	Wahpun.....	85.50	130.	Hussar.....	94.55
89.	Peace River.....	133.25	131.	Kitscoty.....	34.40
90.	Norwood.....	203.30	132.	Craigmyle.....	73.25
91.	Patricia.....	699.75	133.	Manyberries.....	74.85
92.	Saskatchewan....	225.18	134.	Renfrew.....	248.98
93.	Symbol.....	347.90	135.	Alliance.....	72.55
94.	Lamont.....	114.05	136.	Cresset.....	53.00
95.	Kitchener.....	46.25	137.	Irricana.....	186.80
96.	Dynamic.....	47.75	138.	Onoway.....	71.25
97.	Albion.....	61.35	139.	Melrose.....	59.19
98.	Hand Hill.....	109.60	140.	Big Valley.....	104.75
99.	Mount Moriah..	28.90	141.	Efficiency.....	92.85
100.	Verdigris.....	92.45	142.	Ivanhoe.....	339.40
101.	West Edmonton..	106.50	143.	Jasper Park.....	170.25
102.	Edgerton.....	80.25	144.	Gratton.....	74.50
103.	Foremost.....	98.95	145.	St. Alban's.....	90.45
104.	Oyen.....	130.15	146.	Drumheller.....	121.15
105.	Grande Prairie...	86.25	147.	Northland.....	51.00
106.	Lake Saskatoon..	178.20	148.	Mayerthorpe....	26.85
107.	Carbon.....	114.90	149.	Rosebud.....	95.50
108.	Pyramid.....	103.45	150.	Donalda.....	52.45
109.	Ancient Landmark	112.25	151.	Lochearn.....	100.35
110.	Kilwinning.....	66.40	152.	Standard.....	31.45
111.	Nobleford.....	73.15	153.	Whitecourt.....	30.05
112.	Victory.....	56.31	154.	Waskatenau.....	96.25
113.	Cyprus.....	93.10	155.	Earl Haig.....	147.65
114.	Westlock.....	104.70	U.D.	Sharon.....	29.65
115.	Crocus.....	80.05	U.D.	Hythe.....	86.40
116.	Spirit River.....	112.75	U.D.	Berry Creek.....	90.00
117.	Dominion.....	266.45	Masonic District No. 2..		50.00
118.	St. Mark's.....	197.55	Masonic District No. 4..		166.74
119.	York.....	192.85	Masonic District No. 11.		84.40
120.	Monitor.....	137.75	Sundries.....		17.95
121.	Clive.....	35.05			
122.	Rising Sun.....	181.09			
				Total..	\$26,447.09

LEDGER BALANCES

As at January 31, 1930

No.	Name of Lodge	Amount	No.	Name of Lodge	Amount
2.	Medicine Hat.....	1.30	20.	Carstairs.....	2.15
3.	Alberta.....	2.95	21.	King Hiram.....	.08
6.	Spitzie.....	16.90	22.	Corinthian.....	4.90
8.	Innisfail.....	41.60	24.	Vermilion.....	5.35
13.	Victoria.....	.30	25.	St. John's.....	11.29
14.	Jasper.....	.05	28.	Ashlar.....	7.00
16.	Mountain View..	2.75	31.	Doric.....	.35

No.	Name of Lodge	Amount	No.	Name of Lodge	Amount	
32.	Cairo.....	.55	97.	Albion.....	1.47	
33.	Stavely.....	.30	98.	Hand Hill.....	2.55	
34.	Star of the West ..	6.75	100.	Verdigris.....	2.15	
37.	Camrose.....	106.00	101.	West Edmonton..	1.45	
38.	Hope.....	.15	102.	Edgerton.....	.05	
39.	Lethbridge.....	.15	107.	Carbon.....	18.95	
41.	King Solomon.....	.20	108.	Pyramid.....	21.70	
43.	Tuscan.....	.15	109.	Ancient Landmark	5.10	
45.	Ionic.....	18.20	111.	Nobleford.....	.65	
50.	Comet.....	4.30	112.	Victory.....	.05	
51.	Unity.....	1.50	113.	Cyprus.....	40.45	
53.	Strathmore.....	.15	114.	Westlock.....	5.05	
54.	Mount Lebanon..	.40	117.	Dominion.....	.80	
55.	Bassano.....	12.25	120.	Monitor.....	90.95	
56.	Beaver.....	.75	121.	Clive.....	9.58	
57.	Grassy Lake.....	23.50	122.	Rising Sun.....	7.65	
59.	King George.....	4.80	123.	Rockyford.....	68.90	
61.	Provost.....	11.40	124.	Concord.....	8.05	
63.	Empire.....	.45	125.	Cavell.....	.15	
64.	Bow Island.....	8.35	126.	Pembina.....	9.90	
65.	Diamond City.....	.30	127.	Granite.....	5.85	
66.	St. Andrew's.....	6.70	129.	Meridian.....	.15	
67.	Charity.....	.30	130.	Hussar.....	1.15	
68.	Edson.....	4.15	131.	Kitscoty.....	5.85	
69.	Connaught.....	4.95	132.	Craigmyle.....	.10	
70.	Quarry.....	15.35	133.	Manyberries.....	.15	
71.	Tawatinaw..	13.00	134.	Renfrew.....	5.30	
72.	Coronation.....	4.30	135.	Alliance.....	.75	
73.	Brooks.....	2.00	136.	Cresset.....	.90	
74.	Vulcan.....	4.50	137.	Irricana.....	.45	
75.	Harmony.....	5.10	140.	Big Valley.....	2.00	
76.	Fidelity.....	222.85	141.	Efficiency.....	.30	
78.	Hanna.....	.70	144.	Gratton.....	.15	
79.	Morning Star.....	14.60	145.	St. Alban's.....	.30	
81.	Commercial.....	8.30	147.	Northland.....	21.60	
83.	Zetland.....	1.65	148.	Mayerthorpe.....	1.00	
85.	Suffield.....	9.25	151.	Lochearn.....	.25	
86.	Rocky Mountain..	2.40	152.	Standard.....	30.25	
87.	Crescent.....	4.05	153.	Whitecourt.....	42.60	
88.	Wahpun.....	7.15	154.	Waskatenau.....	6.75	
90.	Norwood.....	.30	155.	Earl Haig.....	6.30	
91.	Patricia.....	323.40		U.D. Hythe.....	.80	
93.	Symbol.....	8.95		Masonic District No. 10.	6.00	
94.	Lamont.....	2.85		Masonic District No. 11.	49.90	
95.	Kitchener.....	.75		Masonic District No. 15	.15	
96.	Dynamic.....	7.35				
					Total.....	\$1,457.07

CREDIT BALANCES

As at January 31, 1930

No.	Name of Lodge	Amount	No.	Name of Lodge	Amount
4.	North Star.....	\$ 4.95	84.	Champion.....	7.20
5.	Cascade.....	10.00	89.	Peace River.....	14.20
7.	Edmonton.....	.20	103.	Foremost.....	2.75
10.	Eureka.....	11.05	105.	Grande Prairie ..	11.70
11.	Acacia.....	7.85	106.	Lake Saskatoon...	.40
17.	Nanton.....	3.55	115.	Crocus.....	9.95
18.	Britannia.....	.35	116.	Spirit River.....	.90
19.	Cornerstone.....	3.30	118.	St. Mark's.....	.75
27.	Apollo.....	5.35	119.	York.....	21.50
29.	Kenilworth.....	1.25	128.	Forestburg.....	.35
35.	Mizpah.....	.55	138.	Onoway.....	.10
36.	Gleichen.....	1.40	142.	Ivanhoe.....	11.10
40.	Joppa.....	15.04	143.	Jasper Park	.95
42.	Bowden.....	3.40	150.	Donalda.....	4.60
46.	Palestine.....	8.50	U.D.	Berry Creek.....	1.95
48.	Crossfield.....	.60		Masonic District No. 2..	17.30
49.	Robert Burns.....	.30		Masonic District No. 5..	.10
58.	Chief Mountain ..	1.45		Masonic District No. 9..	8.75
62.	Coal.....	4.80		Masonic District No. 12.	1.50
77.	Strathcona.....	1.90			
80.	Excelsior.....	.47			
82.	Acadia.....	.75			
				Total.....	\$203.00

INTEREST ACCOUNT

As at January 31, 1930

Dominion, Provincial and Municipal Bonds, Benevolent Fund	\$1,854.99
Interest on Agreement of Sale.....	12.23
	\$1,867.22

AUDITOR'S REPORT

Calgary, May 26th, 1930.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members, of
the Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

M. W. Sir and Brethren.:

I have conducted an audit of the books and records of the Grand Secretary for the fiscal year ended 31st January, 1930, and submit herewith the following statements:

Balance Sheet of the General and Benevolent Funds as at 31st January, 1930.

Revenue Account for the fiscal year showing the result of the operations for the period.

Statement of Cash Receipts and Disbursements of the General Fund and of the Relief and Benevolent Funds for the year ended 31st January, 1930, and also from the 1st February to May 30th.

I have to report that all my requirements have been complied with; that full and sufficient vouchers have been furnished me, and all information and explanations required by me have been satisfactorily answered. All accounts and bills have been passed by your Finance Committee.

I regret to report that the Revenue Account again shows an excess of Expenditure over Income of \$1,728.53. On analysing the Revenue Accounts of the past five years it is observed that the Income per member has been approximately the same with the exception of the past year when there was a drop, due to a large extent to the loss of profit on supplies sold. This is accounted for by the scrapping of obsolete forms and constitutions which hitherto had been taken into consideration in the Inventory. The cost per member has increased during the past five years and now averages approximately 80 cents, which does not take into consideration special grants made from time to time which cannot be taken care of out of the Relief Fund. It is evident that Grand Lodge will have to consider the advisability of increasing the Membership Fees, if deficits are to be stopped. I may add that every effort is made by your Finance Committee and your Grand Secretary to keep expenses at a minimum.

The position of the Benevolent Funds as shown by the Balance Sheet is very satisfactory, showing the Assets of these funds to be in a very liquid state, there being only one loan of \$350.00 which may be considered doubtful, and which I would suggest should be written off. I have examined the securities held by Grand Lodge, and find them all in order. The Agreements of Sale are paid up to date, both as to principal and interest.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. IRELAND,
Chartered Accountant.

GRAND LODGE OF ALBERTA, A.F. & A.M.

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31st JANUARY, 1930

ASSETS		LIABILITIES	
General Fund:		General Fund:	
Balances in Bank of Nova Scotia . . . \$	2,102.89	Balances due to Lodges	203.06
Balances due from Lodges	1,457.07	Balance due Benevolent Fund	1,877.99
Books, Stationery and Supplies on hand	5,264.44	Unexpired proportion of 1930 Life Memberships	279.40
Furniture and Fixtures	3,359.45	Surplus Account:	
Regalia	834.53	Balance Feb. 1, 1929 . . . \$	12,386.45
	\$ 13,018.38	Less Excess of Expenditure over Income	1,728.52
Benevolent Fund:			10,657.93
Balances in Bank of Nova Scotia:			13,018.38
Savings Account—Relief Fund	11,045.82	Benevolent Fund Capital Account:	
Savings Account—Benev't Fund	2,343.30	Balance Feb. 1, 1929 . . . \$	143,151.20
Investments:		Plus transfer from Relief Fund	5,000.00
Dominion of Canada, Provincial and Municipal Government Bonds at cost (par value \$152,449.99)	150,843.68	Plus additions during year	6,998.79
Balance due on Agreements of Sale	2,000.00		155,149.99
Sundry Loans	350.00	Relief Fund:	
Balance due from General Fund	1,877.99	Balance Feb. 1, 1929	17,812.39
Accrued Interest	1,867.22	Plus additions	2,365.63
	170,328.01		
		Less Transfer to Benevolent Fund	20,178.02
			15,178.02
			170,328.01
			\$183,346.39

Calgary, May 26th, 1930.

I hereby certify the foregoing Balance Sheet exhibits a true and correct statement of the financial position of the Grand Lodge as disclosed by the books and information supplied.

WM. IRELAND, Chartered Accountant, Auditor.

GRAND LODGE OF ALBERTA, A.F. & A.M.**REVENUE ACCOUNT**

For 12 months ended 31st January, 1930

By Membership Fees.....	\$ 6,748.75
Initiation Fees.....	1,283.00
Certificate Fees.....	1,465.00
Charter Fees.....	115.00
Dispensations.....	293.00
Life Membership Fees.....	65.60
Supplies sold.....	1,708.95
Regalia sold.....	248.45
Fines.....	10.00
	\$11,937.75

To Cost of Supplies Sold:

Inventory, Feb. 1, 1929.....	\$5,997.25
Purchases.....	956.22
	6,953.47
Less Inventory, Jan. 31, 1930.....	5,264.44
	\$1,689.03
To Cost of Regalia Sales.....	238.65

To Office Expenses:

Rent and Light.....	\$1,045.00
Salaries.....	4,905.00
Postage and Express.....	343.50
Telephones and Telegrams.....	134.88
Janitor Service.....	119.50
Office Supplies and Stationery.....	248.80
General Expenses.....	145.33
	6,942.01

To Insurance.....	\$ 223.40
Printing.....	1,325.46
Travelling & Grand Master's Expenses.....	1,003.45
Grand Lodge Expense.....	749.53
Moving Expenses.....	240.00
Repairs.....	88.22
Exchange.....	1.15
Repairs to Regalia & Presentation.....	198.35
	3,829.56
Special Grants.....	550.00
Depreciation:	
Furniture and Fixtures.....	373.12
Regalia.....	43.90
	417.02
	13,666.27

Net Loss for the Year.....\$ 1,728.52

GRAND LODGE OF ALBERTA, A.F. & A.M.

Statement of Cash Receipts and Disbursements from February 1st, 1929 to January 31st, 1930

RECEIPTS

To Balance in Bank, February 1st, 1929	4,948.47
Receipts from Lodges	26,447.09

DISBURSEMENTS

By Books and Stationery	956.22
Salaries	4,905.00
Printing	1,325.46
Travelling & Grand Master's Expense	1,003.45
Rent	1,045.00
Postage and Express	343.50
Office and General Expenses	394.13
Expenses re Moving	240.00
Janitor Service	119.50
Telephones and Telegrams	134.88
Insurance	223.40
Repairs	88.22
Grand Lodge Expenses	10,778.76
Furniture and Fixtures	749.53
Regalia	2,818.36
Special Grants	823.65
Transferred to Benevolent Fund	550.00
Transferred to Relief Fund	6,748.66
Exchange	6,748.66
Balance in Bank	75.05
	2,102.89
	\$ 31,395.56

Calgary, May 26th, 1930.

I hereby certify that I have audited the foregoing Statement of Cash Receipts and Disbursements and certify same to be true and correct, and in accordance with the vouchers submitted.

WM. IRELAND, Chartered Accountant, Auditor.

GRAND LODGE OF ALBERTA, A.F. & A.M.**RELIEF FUND**

Statement of Cash Receipts and Disbursements from February 1st, 1929,
to January 31st, 1930

To	Balance in Bank February 1st, 1929.....	\$ 8,582.51	
	Grand Lodge Dues.....	6,748.66	
	Interest on Investments.....	7,422.11	
	Interest on Agreement of Sale.....	191.00	
	Donations and Refunds from Lodges.....	635.10	
	Interest on Savings Account.....	71.78	
By	Cheques issued.....	\$12,617.60	
	Less cheques not cashed.....	12.26	
			12,605.34
By	Balance in Bank.....		11,045.82
		<u>\$23,651.16</u>	<u>\$23,651.16</u>

GRAND LODGE OF ALBERTA, A.F. & A.M.**BENEVOLENT FUND**

Statement of Cash Receipts and Disbursements from February 1st, 1929,
to January 31st, 1930

To	Balance February 1st, 1929.....	\$ 1,072.95	
	Receipts from sale of 14th Ave. property....	2,000.00	
	Receipts from sale of 3rd Ave. property.....	600.00	
	Refund on Taxes paid on 3rd Ave. property..	67.20	
	Grand Lodge Dues.....	6,748.66	
	Interest on Savings Account.....	37.11	
	Rent received on 3rd Ave. property.....	24.00	
	Receipts re Mrs. Swanson.....	32.00	
By	Invested in Bonds.....		8,066.17
	Taxes on 3rd Ave. property.....		137.45
	Expenses re sale of 3rd Ave. property.....		35.00
	Balance in Bank.....		2,343.30
		<u>\$10,581.92</u>	<u>\$10,581.92</u>

GRAND LODGE OF ALBERTA, A.F. & A.M.**RELIEF FUND**

Statement of Cash Receipts and Disbursements from February 1st
to May 31st, 1930

To	Balance February 1st, 1930	\$11,045.82	
	Interest on Bonds	2,282.13	
	Interest on Agreements	77.00	
	Donations from Lodges	35.00	
By	Transferred to Benevolent Fund		5,000.00
	Grants, Cheques issued		4,443.01
	Balance in Bank		3,996.94
		<u>\$13,439.95</u>	<u>\$13,439.95</u>

GRAND LODGE OF ALBERTA, A.F. & A.M.**BENEVOLENT FUND**

Statement of Cash Receipts and Disbursements from February 1st
to May 31st, 1930

To	Balance in Bank, February 1st, 1930	\$ 2,343.30	
	Transfer from Relief Fund	5,000.00	
	Receipts from Agreements of Sale	1,100.00	
By	Balance in Bank		8,443.30
		<u>\$ 8,443.30</u>	<u>\$ 8,443.30</u>

GRAND LODGE OF ALBERTA, A.F. & A.M.

Statement of Cash Receipts and Disbursements from February 1st, to May 31st, 1930

RECEIPTS

To Balance in Bank, February 1st, 1930\$ 2,102.89
 Receipts from Lodges..... 3,154.23

DISBURSEMENTS

By Books and Stationery..\$ 205.80
 Salaries..... 1,925.00
 Printing..... 24.99
 Travelling and Grand Master's
 Expenses..... 300.00
 Rent..... 375.00
 Office Supplies and Stationery.. 26.73
 Janitor Service..... 56.00
 Telephones and Telegrams..... 61.66
 Insurance..... 103.00
 General Expenses..... 88.74
 Postage and Express..... 88.89
 Regalia..... 80.75
 Exchange..... 17.35

Balance in Bank 3,353.91
 1,903.21

\$ 5,257.12

\$ 5,257.12

Calgary, June 2nd, 1930.

I hereby certify that I have audited the foregoing Statement of Cash Receipts and Disbursements and certify same to be true and correct, and in accordance with the vouchers submitted.

WM. IRELAND, Chartered Accountant, Auditor.

Resolved, on motion of R. W. Bro. H. D. R. Stewart (83), seconded by R. W. Bro. E. G. Ironside (23), "That the Report of the Grand Secretary, except that of the Financial Statement, be received and referred to the Committee on the Grand Secretary's Report and that the Financial Statement, including the Auditor's Report, be referred to the Committee on Finance."

REPORT OF THE GRAND LIBRARIAN

To the M. W. the Grand Master, Officers and Members
of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

M. W. Sir and Brethren:

I have pleasure in presenting the Twenty-fifth Annual Report as Grand Lodge Librarian of this Grand Lodge.

We desire to make grateful acknowledgment of the receipt of the following:-

1. Copies of Proceedings of Grand Lodges with which we are in communication.
2. Copies of digests, codes, year books, etc., donated.
3. Copies of leading Masonic publications, supplied by their editors.

The following books have been added to the Grand Lodge Reference Library during the year:

Claudy, Carl H. Foreign Countries.
Lyon, D. Murray. History of the Lodge of Edinburgh.
Mellville, Lewis. Duke of Wharton.
Vols. 10, 13 and 14 of "Ars Quatuor Coronatorum."

I regret to state that our library does not seem to hold the attraction it should for our members, especially those who are so conveniently located that they could avail themselves of it at any time. While I receive numerous requests for information, it is very seldom any brother will visit the library and search for himself. There is an old saying, "You can lead a horse to water, but you cannot make him drink." In this case it would seem that you cannot even lead them to water.

There has been no increase in the requests for the Travelling Libraries, and few demands for the books we have in stock for sale, yet judging from the District Meetings, there is a very apparent desire for further light on Masonry on the part of many members. I think a more decided effort should be made by Grand Lodge officers and Masters of the lodges to encourage their members to secure standard Masonic works, such as we have on our lists.

Fraternally submitted,

J. H. W. S. KEMMIS,

Grand Librarian.

Resolved, on motion of R. W. Bro. Wm. Ireland (9), seconded by R. W. Bro. A. J. Davis (23), "That the Report of the Grand Librarian be received and referred to the Committee on Masonic Research and Education."

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FRATERNAL DEAD

Jasper Park, June 10, 1930.

To the M. W. the Grand Master, Officers and Members
of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

M. W. Sir and Brethren:

Once again your Committee on Fraternal Dead have the privilege of making their report as to the passing over during the past twelve months into the nearer presence of the Great Architect of the Universe of one hundred and forty-two members of our Grand Jurisdiction. Year by year finds each lodge mourning the loss of well known and beloved brethren, but as each member of the Craft lives his Masonic life to the fullest extent, so is every lodge and this Grand Jurisdiction the richer in happy memories of unstinted service in the Great Brotherhood of Masonry, and the passing on of a well-skilled Craftsman is an inspiration to those who remain, to continue to measure up to the standard of building which has been set by our departed brethren.

We are mentioning by name six of our brethren who have left our ranks during this past year, who represent in themselves the rest of their brethren. When the most that we can give is the least that we can give, far be it from any of us to make distinguishing marks regarding a Mason, but in specially mentioning these few members, have in your minds the names of those whom you have known more intimately, and bear their memories proudly in your hearts. Let us link up the service of all with the work of these brethren now to be mentioned, secure in the knowledge that the names of all are inscribed on the Scroll of the Great Architect, never to perish while Masonry, which is the essence of the Brotherhood of Man, is bound up eternally with the Fatherhood of God.

R. W. Bro. Dr. The Hon. R. G. Brett, ex-Lieutenant-Governor of this province. He was Grand Director of Ceremonies in 1919 and honorary Past Junior Grand Warden. A charter member of Cascade Lodge No. 5, Banff, joining from Havelock Lodge, No. 238, Grand Lodge of Canada.

R. W. Bro. Dr. M. E. Grimshaw, D.D.G.M. of District No. 13 in 1920. A charter member of Peace River Lodge No. 89, hailing from St. Stephen's Lodge, No. 145, Scotland.

R. W. Bro. E. A. Hopkins, Grand Steward in 1911 and 1917 and served as D.D.G.M. of District No. 6 in 1914. He joined Nanton Lodge No. 17 in 1905, later affiliating with Stavely Lodge No. 33.

R. W. Bro. Robert S. S. Wight, D.D.G.M. of District No. 2 in 1926. Was made in Brooks Lodge No. 73 in 1913 and affiliated with Bassano Lodge in 1918. At all times he was of great assistance to the Grand Lodge Benevolent Committee in investigating and reporting on cases in districts where no lodge existed.

W. Bro. Dr. Francis Hamilton Mewburn. Made in North Star Lodge No. 41 in 1889 and served as Master in 1893 and 1894. Was a well known surgeon and had a great deal to do with the establishment and success of the Galt Hospital, Lethbridge. Took great interest in the lodge and for many years was one of its principal supporters.

Bro. Frederick A. Morrison. Made in St. John's Lodge No. 25, Vegreville, in 1907, later affiliating with Ivanhoe Lodge, No. 142.

Was District Court Judge and a man of brilliant attainments. While he never took office in a lodge will be remembered as giving more than one notable address at our Grand Lodge communications.

When Masonry can point to men of this type and calibre among her ranks, the world is indeed the richer for their presence. Their contribution in various ways to the public life of our community can never be adequately measured. It would take too long to enumerate the details of the public life of Dr. Brett, but he has left behind him a record and name which will be long remembered in this Province.

Dr. F. H. Mewburn, known and loved as "the Old Doc", served the poorest patient as faithfully as the richest and never shirked a professional call, no matter what the weather might be. His war service record is one of the highest and the appreciation of his ability by H. M. the King is indeed echoed today by many a soldier who was saved from being a cripple for life by Dr. Mewburn's skill.

Judge Morrison was widely known for his human qualities, his wit and his justice, and his appreciation of humanity has left its mark in the lives of many people today.

To all our departed brethren be given all honor; may they rest in peace and their good works follow them. Our deepest sympathies go out to the families of our brethren who have so recently passed on; may they have as a consolation in their sorrow the conscious knowledge that their dear ones have left behind them a sweet and fragrant memory of honor and well doing that will be long remembered by all who knew them.

Our brethren in sister jurisdictions mourn the loss of twenty-five Past Grand Masters during the past year, and our sincere sympathy is extended to each Grand Lodge, and through them to the lodges and immediate relatives of our departed brethren.

In the garden of the world you will find a little plot,
Which bears the imprint of yourself, and can be a beauty spot,
Where the fragrance of the love of man is wonderfully distilled
To spread its perfume o'er the world, and the hearts of men be filled
With all the loveliness of peace, of fragrant thoughts of love,
Whose radiant beams shine bright and clear like sunshine from above.

Tho' ages pass, men come and go, the world has many a place,
Where lives of men are tended, of every clime and race.
But tho' men pass to higher things as the Architect decrees,
His plan of life He leaves for men to perfect as they please.
Each plot of life for good or ill will one day finished be
And the faithful Craftsman works and prays that when his call comes, he
Will have a perfect garden plot filled with life's choicest flowers
Where the hearts of men can rest in peace and spend the passing hours.

Fraternally submitted,

WALTER T. H. CRIPPS,

Chairman

Resolved, on motion of R. W. Bro. W. T. H. Cripps (29), seconded by R. W. Bro. V. H. Macaulay, "That the Report of the Committee on Fraternal Dead be received, and the sympathy of Grand Lodge assured to affected lodges and Grand Lodges."

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON AUDIT AND FINANCE

Jasper Park, June 11, 1930.

To the M. W. the Grand Master, Officers and Members
of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

M. W. Sir and Brethren:

The usual statements showing the financial transactions of Grand Lodge for the period February 1, 1929, to January 31, 1930, and covering the Receipts and Disbursements of the General Fund, Relief Fund and Benevolent Capital Fund, together with a general Balance Sheet as at January 31, 1930, also a statement of Cash Receipts and Disbursements of the same funds from February 1, 1930, to May 31, 1930, are presented herewith. These statements have been printed and distributed to the brethren of Grand Lodge attending this communication.

The position of the General Fund, as disclosed by these statements, shows an excess of expenditure over income of \$1,311.50, to which must be added depreciation on furniture, fixtures and regalia amounting to \$417.02, making a net loss for the year of \$1,728.52.

The increase in expenditure is largely accounted for by an increase in the principal items of expense as compared with the year 1929.

Rent	\$ 207.00
Moving Expense	240.00
Increase in Grand Lodge expense	218.00
Special grants	550.00
Increase in depreciation on furniture, fixtures and regalia	307.00
Total increased expense	<u>\$1,522.00</u>

To which add:

Reduction in Revenue from sale of supplies, approximately	400.00
Reserve for Life Membership fees	279.40
	<u>\$2,201.40</u>

In explanation of these increases:

Rent: This item is fixed by the terms of the lease with the Calgary Masonic Temple Ltd., at \$75.00 per month. We also had an extraordinary rent charge of \$145.00 during the past year for extra rent paid while the present offices of Grand Lodge were being prepared for our use.

Moving Expense: The item is an unusual one and does not appear in our regular operating expense.

Increase in Grand Lodge Expense: This is a new item of expense which has appeared in our reports only for the last two years. The 1928 session of Grand Lodge cost us \$531.65 and the 1929 session \$749.53. The largest item in this expense is the cost of the banquet for which Grand Lodge appropriated \$500.00 in each year. It is the opinion of your committee that in view of the position as disclosed by our General Fund Statement, it would be advisable to discontinue this special grant of \$500.00 until such time as our budget can be balanced.

Special Grants: This represents grants paid out of the General Fund which could not be charged to the Relief Fund under the regulations of that fund.

Depreciation on Furniture and Fixtures: The depreciation on furniture and fixtures and regalia is a fixed charge. The increase is due to the re-furnishing of our Grand Lodge offices during the past year.

Reduction in Revenue from Sale of Supplies: This reduction is due to a re-valuation of our supplies and the eliminating of a number of our old Constitutions and obsolete forms, also stock damaged by the fire in 1928. The damaged stock was fully covered by insurance but the amount of the loss recovered was included in 1929 statements. Revaluation was deemed advisable so that the accounts would show a true present value of our supplies.

Reserve for Life Memberships: Owing to Life Memberships being now more largely taken advantage of, a Reserve has been created to apportion the fees over future years of membership expectation. Heretofore these fees have been credited in full to revenue in the year in which they were paid.

We would point out that there has been very little change in the revenue per member since 1926 until the past year, when the revenue per member decreased from 79 cents to 71 cents. The expenditure per member on the other hand has been as follows:

1926.	76.38 cents
1927.	65.03 cents
1928.	66.08 cents
1929.	79.50 cents
1930.	79.70 cents

So that in order to balance our budget an increase in per capita tax for general account will have to be considered at no distant date. We would recommend that a notice of motion be submitted at our next Annual Communication, to amend Section 132 of our Constitution as follows: "For every initiate in a lodge, four dollars registration fee," and that we add the following clause:

"For every affiliate within this jurisdiction, \$1.00 registration fee and every affiliate coming from a foreign jurisdiction a fee of \$5.00 be paid, \$4.00 of which shall be credited to the Benevolent Fund."

That Section 133 be amended by striking out "\$1.50 per annum" and inserting "\$1.75 per annum," 75 cents of which shall be paid to the General Fund."

Regular monthly meetings have been held, when all accounts have been presented and carefully scrutinised. Every effort has been made to keep expenses at a minimum.

In view of the foregoing, we would commend to Grand Lodge their very careful consideration of any resolutions at this time which would entail the expenditure of moneys from the General Fund.

The Benevolent Fund Capital Account shows an increase of \$11,998.79 for the year, \$5,000.00 of which represented a transfer from Relief Fund as instructed by the last communication of Grand Lodge, and being accumulated surplus of previous years. The total amount

at the credit of this fund as at January 31, 1929, was \$155,149.00, \$150,843.00 of which is invested in Dominion, Provincial and Municipal Bonds of par value of \$152,449.00.

The Relief Fund shows an increase of \$2,365.63 after taking care of grants to the amount of \$12,605.34. We would call the attention of Grand Lodge to the fact that there has been an increase in grants from this fund of \$4,051.60 over the previous year, and the grants for the past four months indicate that payments from this fund will be at least as large for this year as they were for last, also that our revenue for Relief Fund purposes was during the past year only \$3,003.00 in excess of expenditure, which is much less than it has been in former years.

Tenders for the printing of the Proceedings of Grand Lodge have been called for in Calgary and Edmonton. The lowest tender was received from the Albertan Job Press, Calgary, and your committee recommend its acceptance.

The Real Estate held by Grand Lodge shown on the books at \$1,100.00 was sold during the past year for \$1,200.00. There is still a balance of \$2,000.00 due under an Agreement of Sale for real estate sold during 1928 and 1929, all the payments on which have been made promptly when due.

We recommend that R. W. Bro. Wm. Ireland be appointed Auditor for the coming year and that he be paid the sum of \$300.00 for his services during the past year.

After careful consideration your committee is of the opinion that it is not advisable for Grand Lodge to enter into the purchase and sale of aprons for the subordinate lodges.

Fraternally submitted,

W. M. CONNACHER,

Chairman.

Resolved, on motion of R. W. Bro. G. W. Kerby (83), seconded by R. W. Bro. G. M. Blackstock (35), "That the Report of the Committee on Audit and Finance be received and adopted."

The Grand Master announced that he had received a communication from Acacia Lodge No. 11, requesting a dispensation to elect and invest a Secretary on June 12th. The time of their meeting thus coming at the close of this communication of Grand Lodge, he decided it was not in his power to grant the dispensation and referred their request to Grand Lodge.

It was unanimously agreed that the dispensation be issued.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON JURISPRUDENCE

Jasper Park, June 11, 1930.

To the M. W. the Grand Master, Officers and Members
of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

M. W. Sir and Brethren:

One matter only was referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence, namely a suggestion by the Grand Secretary that the use of the present

"Report of Committee on Petition for Membership" be abandoned for the use of affiliates, and that we revert to the use of the form "Reference of Petition for Affiliation."

Your committee concurs in this suggestion and recommends accordingly.

Fraternally submitted,

A. M. MITCHELL,
Chairman.

Resolved, on motion of M. W. Bro. A. M. Mitchell (77), seconded by M. W. Bro. Robert Patterson (3), "That the Report of the Committee on Jurisprudence be received and adopted."

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON GRIEVANCES AND APPEALS

Jasper Park, June 11, 1930.

To the M. W. the Grand Master, Officers and Members
of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

M. W. Sir and Brethren:

Two cases were referred to your committee for consideration and we beg to present the following findings:

1. Lodge No., vs. Bro.
Found guilty of unmasonic conduct by a commission appointed by the Grand Master. Sentenced to reprimand and sentence carried out by the Chairman of the Trial Commission. Sentence confirmed.

2. Lodge No., vs. Bro.
Found guilty on due trial of an unnatural offence and recommendation of expulsion reported to Grand Lodge. Finding confirmed and recommendation made that the said be notified to appear before the Board of General Purposes at its next Annual Communication, to show cause why he should not be expelled from all the rights and privileges of Masonry and that in the meantime he stand suspended.

Fraternally submitted,

A. M. MITCHELL,
Acting Chairman.

Resolved, on motion of M. W. Bro. A. M. Mitchell (77), seconded by R. W. Bro. G. M. Blackstock (35), "That the Report of the Committee on Grievances and Appeals be received and adopted."

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CHARTERS AND NEW LODGES

Jasper Park, June 11, 1930.

To the M. W. the Grand Master, Officers and Members
of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

M: W. Sir and Brethren:

Your Committee on Charters and New Lodges, begs to report as follows:

We have examined and considered the books and records of the following Lodges, under dispensation:

Sharon Lodge at Iron Springs,
Hythe Lodge at Hythe,
Berry Creek Lodge at Pollockville,

and our findings and recommendations are:

1. **Sharon Lodge:** We find that several meetings were held at which neither the Worshipful Master or the Senior Warden were present and one meeting was held with only six members present. We particularly wish that the D.D.G.M. of District No. 7 keep this lodge under supervision during the coming year so that some definite decision may be arrived at as to its future. We would recommend that the Secretary note the headings of business in the margin of the minute book:

We do not feel that the request of this lodge for a charter can yet be granted and recommend that Sharon Lodge be continued under dispensation.

2. **Hythe Lodge:** We find the books and records of this lodge to be in good condition, excepting that we would suggest that headings of business be noted in the margin of the minute book. Substantial and satisfactory progress has been made and we recommend that a charter be granted to this lodge.

3. **Berry Creek Lodge:** The books and records of this lodge are in good condition, but again we recommend that headings of business be kept in the margin of the minute book. We observe that some minutes are merely initialed by the Master and Secretary—minutes must be signed in full by these officers. The by-laws have not been signed by all the members and we would recommend that this be done.

This lodge has not been instituted for the time required by the Constitution and your committee therefore recommends that it be continued under dispensation for another year.

Fraternally submitted,

G. M. BLACKSTOCK,
SAMUEL HARRIS,
BRUCE FLAVIN,

Committee

Resolved, on motion of R. W. Bro. G. M. Blackstock (35), seconded by R. W. Bro. S. Harris (88), "That the Report of the Committee on Charters and New Lodges be received and adopted."

Resolved, on motion of R. W. Bro. G. M. Blackstock (35), seconded by R. W. Bro. S. Harris (88), "That the lodge whose charter has been granted at this communication, be given a vote in Grand Lodge."

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE GRAND SECRETARY'S REPORT

Jasper Park, June 11, 1930.

To the M. W. the Grand Master, Officers and Members
of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

M. W. Sir and Brethren:

Your committee has perused the report of your Grand Secretary with pleasure and commends him on the smooth operation of his office.

We note that he was again able to attend all the District Meetings, affording an opportunity for contact between Grand Lodge and her constituent lodges which must be invaluable.

We would particularly stress the Grand Secretary's comments regarding the necessity for accurate reports from lodge Secretaries. Such reports are the base of all consolidated records and we should see to it that the "foundation is well and truly laid."

Your committee is in full accord with the recommendation of the Grand Secretary that a special ceremony for the opening and closing of District Meetings should be prepared and published.

Fraternally submitted,

E. T. BISHOP,
Chairman.

Resolved, on motion of M. W. Bro. A. M. Mitchell (77), seconded by R. W. Bro. G. M. Blackstock (35), "That the Report of the Committee on the Grand Secretary's Report, be received and adopted."

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON BENEVOLENCE

Jasper Park, June 10, 1930.

To the M.W. the Grand Master, Officers and Members
of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

M.W. Sir and Brethren:

Your Committee on Benevolence beg to report that all applications for relief coming before them were given careful consideration and grants amounting to \$11,050.96 were made.

It may be of interest to note that eleven years ago the Committee on Benevolence reported in similar terms; but the grants made only amounted to \$1,571.37, of which almost one-half was used in relief to a widow with two very small children. This case has been on our list ever since.

Three things are emphasized by the above statement: 1. That Grand Lodge Benevolent grants have expanded to over seven times the amount expended in 1919. 2. That especially in the case of widows and orphans, a grant must be continued for many years. 3. That continual growth of the Capital Fund is necessary to keep pace with the demands made for assistance.

Our Capital Fund now stands at....	\$155,149.99
The Relief Fund at.	15,178.02
Total Assets.....	\$170,328.01

Note, these assets are all liquid with the exception of one small item of \$350.00.

Whether because of conditions, or of the prominence given to the question of Grand Lodge Benevolence and its administration during the last two years, or both, the committee have found a greatly increased demand on the part of lodges for assistance. That they were able to meet these demands, afforded the committee much gratification and Grand Lodge should recognise the debt of gratitude due to those whose foresight, energy and perseverance made this possible.

In spite of the interest taken in the many recommendations that have been made, and the discussions that have taken place, the committee find that many lodges and members seem to have the vaguest idea of what the Benevolent Fund is intended for and how it has to be administered. The individual member cannot understand why, on his mere statement that a certain case needs relief, a cheque is not immediately issued from the committee. Lodges cannot understand why it is that they must comply with regulations. They often express something approaching indignation when the committee intimates that they expect the lodge to contribute something towards the relief of their dependents themselves.

That this fund was established to assist the lodges with their benevolence is the fundamental rule of its administration. More and more it is becoming necessary to emphasize this. Too many lodges apparently desire to throw the whole burden of their benevolence upon the fund, while in many cases, if not in all, there is something they can do for their own dependents, for whose welfare they are directly responsible. The exercise of that virtue, which we are told should know no bounds save those of prudence, is necessary to keep a lodge alive, and provide the interest that we are so anxious to maintain. So much so, that all sorts of expédients are adopted to arouse enthusiasm and increase attendance, when in benevolent work we have a real cure for lack of interest.

The committee have found that the best and most active lodges they have to deal with are those who have the distressed and needy to take care of; or to put it in another way, those in need who have the good fortune to belong to such lodges are the best looked after. Furthermore, the committee count such lodges as their most sympathetic supporters.

It is always of interest to the members to have some idea of the nature of the cases in which their fund has been of assistance. Shortly after Grand Lodge met last year, the committee were informed by a lodge that two young children had been left stranded by their mother who had abandoned them when the father, a member of said lodge, was sick and in the hospital. The matter was investigated and it

was found the father had been compelled to place them in a government shelter, but through ill health and lack of work was unable to keep up his payments. He was assisted and sent to the Coast, where as soon as he recovered his health he obtained work and the children were sent to join him, at his request. This was accomplished through the work of one member of the committee, who saved both the lodge and the Grand Lodge fund a considerable sum of money by his tactful handling of the case.

A widow and two children were discovered in deep distress, illness and poverty having sapped the strength of the mother until she was unable to earn enough to keep herself and her children, and the widow's allowance being inadequate to meet expenses. The case being found urgent, immediate relief was granted while communicating with the lodge of which this widow's husband was a member. The lodge in this case pleaded inability to assist for various reasons, but the necessities of the case were such that the committee have continued monthly grants and other assistance to this family, which relieved the mother's anxiety, enabled her to recover her health, look after her children and bring them up in decency and in a creditable manner. The committee feel that this was a most deserving case and that the lodge should have made a special effort to have done something, however small in amount.

Another case of a different nature we would draw attention to, because very often a lodge will expend money unnecessarily in the case of relief. A brother being seriously ill was sent to a hospital by his lodge, which not only paid doctor's fees and other expenses, but guaranteed the hospital account, which account amounted to a great deal more than the lodge expected or could afford to pay. They applied to this committee for assistance. The committee does not encourage the payment of such accounts, taking the stand that in such cases hospital treatment is provided for in municipal and government taxes, and professional services are usually rendered without charge, and the duty of the Fraternity is to look after the needs of those naturally dependent on the sick brother, when he is unable to provide for them. A member of the committee took this matter up with the authorities concerned and was instrumental in saving the lodge a large sum of money, which together with the grant from the Grand Lodge fund was used in assisting the family. The lodge was small, but its members deserve much credit for what they have done for this family.

During the year one of our oldest beneficiaries passed away, Mrs. Isabel Swanson, an aged widow lady of nearly ninety years, who although she was dependent and without means, contrived in a wonderful way to live for others, helping by her cheery manner and kindly words many with far more of this world's goods than herself—a most gracious and unselfish character. During her last years she was well taken care of in the Sheriff King Home, Calgary. Of course when she was admitted to this home, she ceased to be a Grand Lodge beneficiary, but she never forgot her Masonic friends who had looked after her. The Benevolent Committee, feeling that it would be her wish, attended her funeral as pall-bearers and mourners and it was surprising to them to find by the numbers present what a large circle of friends this fine old lady had.

If space permitted, many cases of real distress relieved, children assisted to remain at school and in a few instances employment secured, might be related. The committee believe that the fund is operating

as its founders intended it should, and that the system of relief adopted is the best suited to the conditions existing in this Grand Jurisdiction.

Fraternally submitted,

R. W. Bro. J. GILLESPIE, *Chairman*
M. W. Bro. F. S. SELWOOD
M. W. Bro. H. P. REID
M. W. Bro. W. J. BOTTERILL
R. W. Bro. THOS. SHARPE
R. W. Bro. WM. IRELAND
R. W. Bro. V. H. MACAULAY
M. W. Bro. J. H. W. S. KEMMIS
Committee.

Resolved, on motion of M. W. Bro. H. P. Reid (14), seconded by R. W. Bro. V. H. Macaulay (59), "That the Report of the Committee on Benevolence be received and adopted."

SPECIAL REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON BENEVOLENCE

Jasper Park, June 10, 1930.

To the M.W. the Grand Master, Officers and Members of
the Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

M.W. Sir and Brethren:

Grand Lodge at the last Annual Communication directed this committee to consider the Grand Master's recommendations with regard to benevolence, under clause 8 of his address, and report upon them at this communication. The committee, after careful consideration of the sub-clauses, A, B, C and D, into which his recommendations are divided, beg to report as follows:

Clauses A and B can be considered together. These recommendations would permit of grants to present child beneficiaries for educational purposes, and also provide by scholarship or otherwise for the higher education of the children of members, when circumstances and capacity warrant.

The first part, or Clause A, has been practically disposed of, as Grand Lodge in discussing a somewhat similar recommendation made by this committee in one of their annual reports, decided that the present regulations would allow of an increased maintenance grant to those whose situation was such that the grant heretofore made on their behalf had become inadequate to maintain the child and permit it to continue its studies at school.

With regard to the second part, or Clause B, this recommendation would necessitate the raising of a very large Capital Fund, or else the authorization of a fairly large per capita tax to meet the demands that would surely be made in such connection, even to provide a scholarship of say, \$250.00 a year. If we could only give scholarships for say twelve students, and had to disappoint several dozen others, through inability to supply the funds, it would create dissatisfaction and disturb the harmony now existing. At present there is no great

need for such a step, and the committee are not prepared to recommend adoption of this clause.

Clause C refers to the assistance of Masonic Boards of Relief, such as now exist in our cities. On inquiry amongst the members of these Boards, we find a very general opinion that they are operating successfully and without placing any undue burden on the lodges supporting them. In one city, they very seldom have to make a levy against their lodges for money, showing that they scarcely ever exceed the per capita grant made for their fund. These organizations have been of the greatest benefit to those who have been forced to apply to them. They have also been of great assistance to this Grand Lodge Committee in securing information and making reports that were requested, and are able to take charge of cases where Grand Lodge benevolence cannot function, and the relations between the two bodies have been most harmonious. We, therefore, cannot agree that grants from the Grand Lodge Fund are necessary to assist these city bureaus in their work.

Clause D would appear to mean the opening of the door whereby not only Masons, who had failed to keep up their Masonic connections, but even those who had never been members of the Craft, would be permitted the benefits of our Fund, although the Grand Master distinctly states that he would not favor removing the right to make grants to non-Masonic charities from Grand Lodge as a whole. The committee is strongly opposed to this clause, believing that our present regulations are not so stringent that we need to have this barrier removed.

While the committee cannot agree to these recommendations, it is not because of lack of sympathy with M. W. Bro. Mitchell's aims and objects. We desire to give him full credit for the generous and sincere interest he has always manifested in his Masonic career with the great work of benevolence, but we realize that our means are all too inadequate to attempt, at the present time, such expansion in our benevolent activities as the adoption of these recommendations would necessitate.

Fraternally submitted,

R. W. Bro. J. GILLESPIE, *Chairman*
M. W. Bro. F. S. SELWOOD
M. W. Bro. H. P. REID
M. W. Bro. W. J. BOTTERILL
R. W. Bro. THOS. SHARPE
R. W. Bro. WM. IRELAND
R. W. Bro. V. H. MACAULAY
M. W. Bro. J. H. W. S. KEMMIS
Committee.

Resolved, on motion of M. W. Bro. H. P. Reid (14), seconded by M. W. Bro. J. A. Jackson (4), "That the Report of the Special Committee on the recommendations re Benevolence, of the Grand Master, M. W. Bro. A. M. Mitchell, in his address at the 1929 communication, be received and adopted."

BENEFICIARIES OF GRAND LODGE

January 31, 1929, to February 1, 1930

- Bro. G. B. Ill for five months in hospital. Two children to support. Grant of \$50.00.
- Mrs. S. E. B. Widow. Taxes on property \$32.82, and grant of \$30.00 a month.
- Bro. J. B. Unable to work. Has a family of five children to support. Grant of \$120.00.
- Mrs. G. B. Widow with one child to support. Grant of \$17.50.
- Bro. L. D. B. Suffering from chronic ailment and two children to support. Grant of \$75.00.
- Mrs. H. G. B. Widow with four children. Grant of \$300.00.
- Bro. J. C. Ill with inflammatory rheumatism. Grant of \$300.00.
- Three orphan children of late Mrs. M. D. C. Grant of \$120.00.
- Bro. D. C. Serious illness. Family of nine. Grant of \$125.00.
- Bro. A. C. Aged brother without means. Grant of \$60.00.
- Mrs. K. C. Widow with five children. Grant of \$300.00.
- Bro. H. T. C. Widower ill with incurable disease. Grant of \$120.00.
- Four orphan children of the late Bro. J. C. Grant of \$180.00.
- Bro. S. H. D. Aged couple without means. Grant of \$80.00.
- Mrs. J. H. D. Widow without means. Grant of \$215.00.
- Bro. J. P. E. Aged brother in distress. Grant of \$59.00.
- Bro. J. W. F. Sick and in distress. Grant of \$163.50.
- Mrs. R. G. Widow with two children, without means. Grant of \$421.20.
- Mrs. G. Widow with four children. Grant of \$206.67.
- Mrs. H. Aged widow disabled. Grant of \$200.00.
- Bro. W. H. Widower with two children. Ill. Grant of \$100.00.
- Bro. A. S. H. Aged brother, suffering from rheumatism. Grant of \$155.00.
- Bro. T. H. Ill with tuberculosis of the spine. Family in distress. Grant of \$185.00.
- Bro. E. J. Chronic disability. Grant of \$465.00.
- Mrs. S. J. Aged Widow. Grant of \$150.00.
- Mrs. W. J. Deserted by husband. One child. Grant of \$300.00.
- Bro. W. H. K. Temporary assistance. Grant of \$25.00.
- Mrs. O. M. K. Widow with sick child. Grant of \$64.50.
- Mrs. R. K. Widow with one child. Grant of \$180.00.
- Bro. A. C. L. Serious illness. Grant of \$400.00.
- Mrs. I. M. Widow with three children. Grant of \$171.60.
- Bro. A. M. Aged brother without means. Grant of \$109.00.
- Bro. T. H. M. Permanently disabled. Wife and two children. Grant of \$292.25.
- Mrs. J. M. Widow with one child. Grant of \$300.00.
- Mrs. I. McC. Widow with two children. Grant of \$130.00.
- Mrs. E. McC. Widow with two children. Grant of \$572.67, and making house habitable.
- Bro. F. S. McC. Seriously ill. Grant of \$287.50.
- Mrs. I. M. Widow with one child. Grant of \$180.00.
- Mrs. I. M. McL. Widow with three children. Grant of \$245.00.
- Bro. A. H. P. Aged brother without means. Grant of \$420.00.
- Bro. J. C. R. Aged brother without means. Grant of \$150.00.
- Bro. J. N. R. Aged brother without means. Grant of \$602.60.
- Bro. P. R. Aged brother without relatives or means of support. Grant of \$300.00.
- Mrs. D. R. R. In distressed financial circumstances. Grant of \$240.00.
- Bro. A. J. S. Aged brother. Serious illness. Grant of \$100.00.

Bro. and Mrs. H. S. Aged couple. Grant of \$300.00.
 Bro. J. M. S. Seriously ill. Grant of \$55.00.
 Mrs. S. N. T. Deserted by husband. Three children. Grant of \$25.00.
 Bro. R. C. T. In settlement of estate. Grant of \$10.00.
 Bro. G. C. W. Ill for some time. Since died. Family in distress. Grant of \$110.00.
 Bro. F. I. W. Seriously ill. Four small children. Grant of \$100.00.
 Bro. T. E. W. Ill. Wife and two children to support. Grant of \$125.00.
 Three orphan children of the late Bro. J. D. W. Grant of \$480.00.
 Mrs. C. W. W. Aged widow, ill. Grant of \$43.15.
 Mrs. S. E. W. Aged widow. Grant of \$240.00.
 Special Christmas grant, \$7.00.

Total. \$12,605.34

REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON GRAND LODGE . BULLETIN

Jasper Park, June 11, 1930.

To the M. W. the Grand Master, Officers and Members
 of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

M. W. Sir and Brethren:

We, your committee appointed to consider and report on the recommendation of M. W. Bro. Mitchell, with regard to a Quarterly Bulletin, beg to report as follows:

That inasmuch as the activities of Grand Lodge are made known to all lodges by the Grand Secretary when same are required, such as circular letters or edicts of the Grand Master, we do not think that a regular bulletin is necessary for this purpose.

With regard to the second paragraph we fully concur in the idea of the Grand Master, that leadership and inspiration are the present need of many lodges, but we do not feel that Grand Lodge should, at present, consider the expense which the publishing of such a bulletin would incur. The chief difficulty, in our opinion, is the expense of editorship and collection of suitable information.

The cost of printing would be approximately \$2,000.00 per year, but this is the smallest part of the expense if the Bulletin is intended to carry out the ideas and suggestions of the Grand Master as mentioned in previous paragraph.

We believe that the work of the Installed Master's Association which has been giving some very valuable information to those interested, is carrying out the recommendation of the Grand Master in preparing suitable addresses on Masonic matters and issuing these to any lodge or brother, and we feel if this association was carried on for a further period, that more interest would be displayed and

then Grand Lodge might again consider the matter of assuming responsibility of accepting in full the recommendation of the Grand Master, but at present do not consider that definite action be approved.

Fraternally submitted,

A. J. DAVIS, *Chairman.*

A. DAVISON,

E. G. IRONSIDE,

V. A. BOWES.

Resolved, on motion of R. W. Bro. A. J. Davis, seconded by R. W. Bro. E. G. Ironside, "That the Report of the Special Committee on Grand Lodge Bulletin, be received and adopted."

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES

Jasper Park, June 11, 1930.

To the M. W. the Grand Master, Officers and Members
of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

M. W. Sir and Brethren:

The Board of General Purposes met immediately following the last communication of Grand Lodge, when all committees were struck.

They met again on Tuesday, June 10, 1930, when the various matters requiring attention were submitted to the several committees and their decisions appear in their reports.

The Board have no matters of special interest to present at this time to Grand Lodge.

Fraternally submitted,

S. M. SNEDDEN

Chairman.

Resolved, on motion of R. W. Bro. W. Ireland (9), seconded by R. W. Bro. S. M. Snedden (91), "That the Report of the Board of General Purposes be received and adopted."

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON MASONIC RESEARCH AND EDUCATION

Jasper Park, June 11, 1930.

To the M. W. the Grand Master, Officers and Members
of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

M. W. Sir and Brethren:

Your Committee on Masonic Research and Education report that this committee has not been as active during the past year as formerly.

The members are actively engaged in other work in Grand Lodge demanding more urgent attention and as a consequence Research and Education has suffered somewhat.

It had been hoped that a history of our Grand Lodge would have taken some definite form ere this. Your committee have enlisted the services of some of our best men to assist in the preparation of this history, but they are all men in busy walks of life and it has not been possible to get very far along the way. However, some of the brethren are working on the subject and we are still hopeful that something of a concrete nature will evolve out of their energies. Your Grand Secretary has promised to lend his assistance and we hope to do more than report progress next year.

Your committee regret to note from the Report of the Grand Librarian the apathy displayed by the Craft towards the Grand Lodge Library. Grand Lodge has provided excellent facilities for the student of Masonry. It is true that our books are kept for reference only, but they are valuable books which it would be difficult to replace. Very comfortable quarters are provided and as the Grand Secretary is frequently in his office in the evening, I would commend the brethren preparing addresses, to avail themselves of this source of information. We still have the circulating libraries for which we have had little call of late, but which will be sent to the lodges upon request.

Your committee desires to express its appreciation of the little band in Edmonton who carried on the work of the Installed Masters' Association, formed by the late V. W. Bro. Geo. Beart, in disseminating Masonic knowledge in the form of lectures, etc., to the smaller lodges. That the thirst for Masonic knowledge is far from being quenched is amply demonstrated by the large number of addresses sent out in the past year. It may be that the activity of these brethren is the answer for the seeming apathy towards our library, yet we must agree that while they are at the helm, the Craft in Alberta has nothing to fear regarding the Masonic education of its members. Brethren, we bespeak for the Installed Masters' Association your earnest consideration and support.

Faternally submitted,

W. IRELAND,
Chairman.

Resolved, on motion of R. W. Bro. W. Ireland (9), seconded by R. W. Bro. J. Martland (63), "That the Report of the Committee on Masonic Research and Education be received and adopted."

CALLED FROM LABOR

Grand Lodge was called from Labor to refreshment at 4:30 o'clock p.m.

The local brethren had cars in waiting to take the visiting members to view some of the nearby scenic wonders of the Park and at 7:30 o'clock the members of Grand Lodge were tendered a very enjoyable banquet in the spacious dining hall of "The Lodge," at which

several addresses were given. Bro. Colonel The Rev. Geo. A. Wells, C.M.G., V.D., M.A., Warden of St. John's College, Winnipeg, speaker of the evening, delivered a most interesting address on "The Bonds of Empire," which was highly appreciated by those present.

ADDRESS (In Part)

by

BRO. COLONEL THE REV. GEO. A. WELLS, C.M.G., V.D., M.A.,
Warden of St. John's College.

Given at the Banquet held in the Dining Room of "The Lodge,"
Jasper National Park, Wednesday Evening the 11th day of
June, 1930, in connection with the Annual Com-
munication of the Grand Lodge of Alberta,
A.F. & A.M.

BONDS OF EMPIRE

The great British Commonwealth of nations is the most remarkable achievement in the history of political development. Starting from those little Islands across the Atlantic, its influence now reaches round the world, touching all colors and races and creeds, and that influence on the whole for good.

Its unity of purpose and aim has been the source of strength, and, at the same time the wonder of the world. Each separate part has its power because of its relation to the whole. The story of the "bundle of sticks" may well illustrate the position of the Empire. While the bundle remains bound together no strength can break it. Cut the bonds and anyone can destroy the parts. Our place among the nations of the world is due to the fact that we are a part of the Empire. Together we stand; divided we fall.

This unity is being tested today as never before in our history. Influences are at work, both external and internal, which tend to strain the bonds which unite us to the breaking point. Self-determination in Ireland; Unrest in India; Conflict in China; persistent demoralization in Russia are all testing the skill and ingenuity of our leaders in international affairs and the loyalty of members at home. Within the group are certain agitators for complete separation, and other sincere leaders in the movement for a strong national feeling and sentiment, whose efforts lead in the same direction, though from perhaps a very different motive. There are movements on foot which tend to weaken the bonds which hold the Empire together.

What Bonds have we which hold us together? I shall mention just a few and leave you to fill in all that might be said in favor of them, and let you add to the list others possibly of equal value and power.

1. **The King.** The most important Bond of Empire is His Majesty, the King. One of the most remarkable facts of present-day history is the place in the affections of the people and the politics of the world that is held by the Sovereign of the British Empire. The

best evidence of that fact is not seen in professions of loyalty and devotion on the part of any group or individual, but in the general world-feeling, as expressed by daily papers in all the world during the recent illness of His Majesty, and especially in the rejoicing on his recovery. Strange, that in this age of extreme democracy, there should be such a real feeling of regard, interest and devotion to a Monarch; that while other world leaders have become objects of hatred and disgust, the King of the British Empire should be, as never before, the centre of influence and the object of devotion and love. Long live the King! He is the strongest bond of Empire. I venture to make the prophecy that if for any reason he were removed from our form of government the Empire would not hold together five years. I would urge at this point that we as a group of loyal citizens do all in our power to uphold the dignity and the authority of the Crown on every possible occasion, as a guide and a help in the development of those new Canadians, who are today crowding into our land.

2. **The Flag.** The second greatest Bond of Empire is the common flag. Only a sentiment, some will say. Admitted, but sentiment of this kind is the strongest thing in the world. Only he who has suffered to uphold the flag, and has found himself in a foreign land where another flag held sway, can fully appreciate the power of a national flag to influence feeling and activity. We do not value what we have until we lose it.

I can fully appreciate the desire of Canadians to have a national flag, and the value of that emblem in creating and developing a feeling of nationhood. But I would be very sorry to see a flag for Canada which would not include the emblem common to every part of the Empire. The flag of Canada should have a distinctive color for the field, it should have a distinctive Canadian mark, and it should retain the Union Jack. This is my design:

A green field, quartered by the red cross of St. George; the Union Jack in the mast-head corner; a maple-leaf of autumnal tint in the lower right-hand corner, or fly. The green is distinctive as compared with other national flags and is emblematic of Canada's youth and fertility; the cross and the Union Jack is the Empire sign; the maple-leaf is a mark of Canada throughout the world, purchased at the price of great sacrifice, and honored as no other Canadian symbol can ever be. Let this be our flag—the green ensign of Canada.

3. **Our Language.** The third Bond of Empire is a common language. It is a remarkable fact that the English language holds a place in the world which no other tongue has ever had. This is one of the miracles of history. It is a great instrument for Empire development and international understanding. By it we get the best that the mind of man in all ages has conceived, and the noblest in tradition and civilization that our own country has achieved. Let us keep it pure.

The trend of the age is to allow the cheapest trash produced by depraved minds, in our own and in other countries, to flood the market in newspapers, magazines, novels and moving pictures, which will most surely push out what is worth-while unless we make a real effort to keep out the trash and bring in the best in our own national life from the noblest of our British writers. In this you should play a great part.

4. **Institutions which uphold spiritual values.** There can be no question of the fact of spiritual values as a Bond of Empire, even though we may not agree as to the specific illustrations we may give of its work. We have all seen at work the spirit of the group. The

spirit of the Regiment is the greatest factor in action, and the spirit remains after the group passes on. So in Empire life, the Boy Scouts, the Girl Guides, the Christian Church, have played, and are playing, a great part in keeping alive the best in our traditions and in keeping together the different parts of the Empire.

There is another Bond which we would do well to mark. It is what I would call a national spirit in international organizations. To be effective the spirit must be of that part of national life and custom which will stand the test of time. The Order to which we belong gives a splendid illustration of what I have in mind. It is *the* great International Order. But it carries within it the very heart of the contributions made to human history by the great nations which have contributed to its rise and growth. Note you, that only the noblest can live and be handed on. The Hebrew conception of God; the Greeks' reproduction of beauty; the Roman stabilization of Law; the British conception of Liberty; all found in the Masonic Order.

Do we fully realize this fact? If so, let us see to it that the dignity and the grandeur of our Order are maintained on the highest possible levels, and that buffoonery and frivolity and cheap entertainment be not allowed to besmirch the good name of the Order and interfere with the great contribution we can make, under God, in keeping together in one unity the different nations in our Great Commonwealth as an effective Instrument for Good to all Peoples in the World.

Second Day - - *Morning Session*

LABOR RESUMED

The Grand Lodge resumed labor at 9:00 o'clock a.m.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE CONDITION OF MASONRY

Jasper Park, June 12, 1930.

To the M. W. the Grand Master, Officers and Members
of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

M. W. Sir and Brethren:

We have carefully considered the reports submitted by the D.D. G.M.'s which of course you will have the opportunity of studying in detail when they appear in the printed Proceedings. Certain outstanding facts in these reports we wish to bring to your attention.

We note that our old infirmity, the unpaid dues, is still with us, yet the majority of the lodges appear to be in good financial condition, with a reasonable amount of insurance being carried. It would appear to be becoming necessary that Grand Lodge take some action in this respect.

It is pleasing to note from the reports presented, that the lodges are assuming definite responsibility with respect to local benevolence. This we would wish to commend as we believe that increased interest and Masonic activity are invariably found where work of this nature is being carried on.

Our attention has been called to the fact that in some lodges there is not sufficient attention being given to the examination of W. M.'s elect as to their proficiency in the degree work or to their general ability to properly perform the duties of Worshipful Master of a lodge. This, we believe, is a matter the neglect of which has an important bearing upon the life and proper functioning of a lodge, and examining committees are urged to take a somewhat more serious view of their responsibility.

We note that there is a normal increase in membership during the year, one district only showing a decrease. We regret that we cannot show the actual definite increase in membership by reason of the fact that the D.D.G.M.'s of some districts have not submitted returns. This matter of neglect on the part of some D.D.G.M.'s is a matter with which this Grand Lodge should deal, as it is essential that these reports should be in the hands of the Grand Secretary upon the required date, May 15th, so that inconvenience may be avoided. On the whole, the D.D.G.M.'s are to be commended for the very evident interest and energy with which they have discharged the duties of their office:

Your committee notes with regret that Victory Lodge, No. 112, have suffered the loss of all their property by fire, and we extend our sympathy to the members of this lodge. We at the same time congratulate a number of brethren who assisted the brethren of Victory Lodge in a truly Masonic manner. In considering the situation brought about by this misfortune, might your committee suggest that the welfare of the Craft might be enhanced if Victory Lodge, which is small numerically, would amalgamate with Gratton Lodge, meeting at Irma.

Our attention has been called to a condition existing in Kilwinning Lodge, No. 110, meeting at Minburn. This lodge does not appear to be in a very healthy condition and is not making satisfactory progress. This matter has already been referred to the Grand Master and there would appear in this instance to be necessity for some definite action. Your committee recommends that the Grand Master take cognizance of this matter in order that a satisfactory and happy solution may be arrived at.

Taking into consideration all the reports of the D.D.G.M.'s to hand, your committee is impressed with the generally satisfactory condition of Freemasonry in this Grand Jurisdiction. There is every evidence of a desire for Masonic knowledge, requests being made for speakers upon Masonic topics and for information respecting avenues through which Masonic literature may be obtained, all suggesting a keen interest on the part of our brethren.

Your D.D.G.M.'s have been faithful and energetic in the discharge of the duties of their office and your committee, therefore, have pleasure in recommending that the rank of Past District Deputy Grand Master be granted to the following brethren:

Wm. M. Peel (54)	Charles G. Flavin (11)
John McCandie (2)	William A. Howes (74)
Bruce Flavin (81)	David D. Penman (91)
Clare C. Hartman (16)	Richard C. Fitton (116)
Lawrence M. Rogers (728)	Charles Stewart (104)
Edward H. Mack (32)	Leslie E. Roach (66)
Robert H. Anderson (31)	Fred J. Bessant (107)
Walter H. Geering (6)	Willis W. Yeager (44)
Percy Lee (27)	

Fraternally submitted,

S. M. SNEDDEN,

Chairman.

Resolved, on motion of R. W. Bro. S. M. Snedden (91), seconded by M. W. Bro. Robert Patterson (3), "That the Report of the Committee on the Condition of Masonry be received and adopted."

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FRATERNAL RELATIONS AND CORRESPONDENCE

Jasper Park, June 11, 1930.

To the M. W. the Grand Master, Officers and Members
of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

M. W. Sir and Brethren:

Your Committee on Fraternal Relations and Correspondence beg leave to report as follows:

Requests have been received from the following Grand Bodies for fraternal recognition by the Grand Lodge of Alberta. In several

instances the request is accompanied by the suggestion of an exchange of Grand Representatives.

1. Grand Orient of "Amazonas e Acre," having its headquarters at the City of Manaus in the State of Amazone, Brazil.

This Grand Body holds jurisdiction over the State of Amazone and that part of the Federal Territory of Acre which lies north of the State of Mateo-Grosso in Brazil and of the Republic of Bolivia. It appears to have been organized on 24th June, 1927, as successor to the Grand Orient of the State of Amazone, which had been in existence since 22nd September, 1904.

2. Grand Lodge of Costa Rica, having its headquarters at the City of San Jose, Costa Rica.

This request for recognition is implied from a letter received by our Grand Secretary from the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Costa Rica, Bro. G. F. Bowden, enquiring as to the status of the fraternal relations between the Grand Lodge of Alberta and the Grand Lodge of Costa Rica. This enquiry was prompted by a statement made in the review of the annual Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Alberta appearing in the Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of North Carolina for 1929, at page 324, where the intimation is given that the Grand Lodge of Costa Rica is not recognized by the Grand Lodge of Alberta. Bro. Bowden expresses his surprise at this statement and says that he had always been under the impression that we were in fraternal correspondence but he had not been able at the time of writing to find any record bearing on this point, or in regard to the exchange of representatives.

Our Grand Secretary is in receipt of the list of Grand Lodge Officers and other particulars of this Grand Lodge, issued by the Grand Secretary, Bro. Bowden, following the 29th Annual Session of the Grand Lodge on 30th November, 1928.

3. National Grand Lodge of Czecko Slovakia.

This Grand Lodge has its Orient (or Grand East), at Praha (Prague) and their communication bears date 21st February, 1929. This Grand Lodge appears to have been founded May 2, 1923, under the aegis of the Supreme Council of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry for Czecho Slovakia, and united under its control nine symbolic lodges, having a membership of about 350.

4. Grand Lodge of Guatemala, Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons.

The request appears to have been forwarded in the year 1927, together with copy of the Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Guatemala for the year 1926-7 and a copy of the Constitution of this Grand Lodge.

5. Grand Lodge of Valle de Mexico.

This request was presented through a letter from the M. W. Acting Deputy Grand Master to our Grand Secretary in the month of December, 1928. The communication sets forth at length the facts in relation to the origin, constitution, symbolism and Masonic practices which are deemed by this Grand Lodge proper grounds for recognition. We also find in the files extensive correspondence between

the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Valle de Mexico and our then Grand Secretary, M. W. Bro. S. Y. Taylor, in the year 1920.

6. Grand Lodge of Norway.

This Grand Lodge when in session on the 14th day of November, 1929, resolved to extend to the Grand Lodge of Alberta fraternal recognition, and to propose an exchange of representatives between the Grand Lodge of Alberta and the Grand Lodge of Norway. Our Grand Lodge was advised of this action by a letter dated 16th November, 1929, signed by the Grand Secretary and the Grand Keeper of the Seal of the Grand Lodge of Norway, and the intimation was given that the establishment of fraternal relations between these two Grand Lodges and an exchange of Grand Representatives would give pleasure to the Grand Lodge of Norway.

7. Grand Lodge of Panama.

This request has come in the form of a circular sent out from the office of the Grand Secretary following the 13th Annual Communication of this Grand Lodge, held on 9th March, 1929, giving particulars of the Grand Officers then elected and installed and other interesting details of their meeting, the last part of the circular being in the form of a request of the duly constituted regular Grand Lodges to enter into fraternal relations with the Grand Lodge of Panama for the profit and benefit of the Masonic Institutions at large.

8. Grand Lodge of the State of Parahyba, Brazil.

This Grand Lodge is also designated "Valle da Parahyba do Norte" and has its headquarters at the City of Parahyba in the State of Parahyba, Brazil.

The request is made in a letter written by Bro. J. Calisto C. Nobrega on behalf of the Grand Master, dated October 30, 1929. The Grand Lodge appears to have been organized on 26th February, 1928, under the aegis of the Supreme Council of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite for Brazil.

9. Grand Lodge of Rio de Janeiro of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons.

This Grand Lodge appears to have been founded on 22nd June, 1927. The request sent by the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Rio de Janeiro is undated, but is accompanied by a summary of the events and also a statement of the principles of the Grand Lodge of Rio de Janeiro, likewise undated, and a copy of the Constitution and Laws of this Grand Lodge adopted in 1929. It seems clear that it is an offspring of the Grand Orient of Brazil, and is one of eight or nine Grand Lodges which have been formed in Brazil in many States of that country.

10. Grand Orient of Rumania.

This request comes through the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of New York in a letter dated August 30, 1929, directed to our Grand Master. This Grand Lodge was founded in 1925 and constituted in 1926 on a Declaration of Principles and Constitution approved by the Grand Lodge of New York, after R. W. Bro. Ossian Lang, a special representative, and M. W. Bro. Rowan, then Grand Master, had made a thorough examination of the conditions in Rumania by personally visiting that country.

Eight of the sixteen lodges now forming the Grand Orient of Rumania were instituted and constituted by the Grand Lodge of New York and worked under their jurisdiction from 1923 to 1926. The Grand Lodge of New York has kept in close touch with all Masonic developments in Rumania by annual personal visits from 1922 to 1929 inclusive, by special representatives of their Grand Master.

11. National Grand Lodge of Santa Domingo.

This request bears date April 10, 1928, and is over the signatures of Grand Master and Grand Secretary and under the seal of the Grand Lodge. There is also in the file a letter from the Grand Secretary of the Sovereign Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Porto Rico, submitting a copy of resolution adopted by that Grand Lodge on 28th January, 1928, supporting the appeal being made by the Grand Lodge of Santa Domingo for recognition by other Sovereign Grand Bodies.

12. Grand Lodge of Vienna.

This request appears to have been received on 8th August, 1928. It contains a statement of all the material facts necessary to be considered in reaching a decision on this request, a list of their Grand Officers, and a brief history of the Grand Lodge, which appears to have been lawfully organized in 1918 by fourteen lodges, which have since increased to twenty-two lodges, with a total membership of 1,650.

Your committee finds that the Grand Lodge of Norway, A.F. & A.M., has been recognized by the United Grand Lodge of England, the Grand Lodge of Manitoba and the Grand Lodge of Canada (in Ontario) as well as by many jurisdictions in the United States of America. Your committee recommends that official fraternal recognition be granted to the Grand Lodge of Norway and the Grand Master be authorized to arrange for an exchange of Grand Representatives, under appropriate commissions from the respective Grand Lodges.

With reference to the following Grand Bodies, namely:

National Grand Lodge of Czecko Slovakia,
Grand Lodge of Denmark,
Grand Lodge of Finland,
Grand Orient of Rumania,
Grand Lodge of Vienna

your committee recommends that this group of Grand Lodges be accredited in the sense that Masons who are members of lodges under their jurisdiction shall be deemed to have received the recognized work, and that this Grand Lodge permit our constituent lodges to receive visitors, bringing proper credentials, who hail from these Grand Lodges, and that such Masons be permitted to affiliate with lodges in our jurisdiction, subject however to compliance with the regulations or constitutional provisions in force with reference thereto, both in the jurisdiction from which they hail and in this jurisdiction.

With reference to the applications from the following Grand Bodies, namely:

Grand Orient of Amazonas e Acre,
Grand Lodge of Costa Rica,
Grand Lodge of Guatemala, A.F. & A.M.,
Grand Lodge of Valle de Mexico,

Grand Lodge of Panama,
Grand Lodge of the State of Parahyba, Brazil,
Grand Lodge of Rio de Janeiro, A.F. & A.M.,

your committee recommend that action be deferred until your committee has been placed in possession of much fuller information as to the origin, history, basic principles and ritualistic practice of these several Grand Lodges.

Your committee is happy to report that fraternal relations in our Grand Lodge and all the other jurisdictions throughout the world with whom we are in fraternal correspondence continue to be of the most happy and pleasant character.

Your standing committee has had the privilege of perusing the report which will be presented to this Grand Lodge later in the session by the Special Committee appointed by the Grand Master on the subject of "Standards of Recognition of Foreign Grand Lodges." Your committee desires to congratulate this Special Committee and Grand Lodge on the excellence of this report and is pleased to concur in the finding and recommendation made by the Special Committee.

The Annual Review of the Proceedings of sister Grand Lodges is submitted herewith, and your committee recommend that it be printed as an appendix to the Proceedings of this Grand Lodge. In the published Proceedings of this Grand Lodge for 1929 we find 149 pages are devoted to this annual review over against 176 pages reporting the Annual and Special Communications of this Grand Lodge, including statistical and other appendices thereto. Your committee is aware that there is a feeling among some of the members of Grand Lodge that the expense of publishing this Annual Review is a substantial burden on the finances of Grand Lodge. Your committee, however, considers that the publication of the Annual Review of the Proceedings of sister Grand Lodges is very well worth the expense involved, not only from the standpoint of the fraternal contacts it gives us with the remainder of the Masonic world, but also in the educational advantages which are made available to our own Craft in this jurisdiction. It may be said that our Craft does not avail itself of its opportunities to such an extent as to justify the expense involved, but your committee would respectfully submit that the true answer to such comment lies in using every effort to encourage and direct the officers and members of our lodges to a closer study of this Annual Review.

Fraternally submitted,

FREDERICK S. SELWOOD,
Chairman.

Resolved, on motion of M. W. Bro. A. M. Mitchell (77), seconded by R. W. Bro. M. M. Downey (77), "That the Report of the Committee on Foreign Relations and Correspondence be received and adopted."

REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON REVISION OF THE WORK

Jasper Park, June 10, 1930.

To the M. W. the Grand Master, Officers and Members
of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

M. W. Sir and Brethren:

I regret to have to report that this committee is obliged to merely report progress.

We have found that a large committee, the individual members of which are located at long distances apart, is unwieldy and recommend to the incoming Grand Master that the present committee be discharged and that a smaller committee, say of three members, be appointed, with due regard to location and convenience of meeting in person.

Fraternally submitted,

A. M. MITCHELL,
Chairman.

Resolved, on motion of M. W. Bro. A. M. Mitchell (77), seconded by R. W. Bro. W. S. Cameron (93), "That the Report of the Special Committee on the Revision of the Work be received and adopted."

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE GRAND MASTER'S ADDRESS

Jasper Park, June 12, 1930.

To the M. W. the Grand Master, Officers and Members
of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

M. W. Sir and Brethren:

We are pleased to find that the Grand Master can give so favorable a report on the Condition of Masonry in the Province, and that the younger Masons are beginning to take a greater interest. We hope this will not lessen that of the older members.

It must be highly satisfactory to all our members to learn that peace and harmony continue to exist between ourselves and the other Grand Jurisdictions and we are heartily in accord with the opinion of the Grand Master that some system of recognition with other Grand Jurisdictions should be inaugurated in the near future.

We note that two new lodges were instituted during the year and that two applications for dispensations were refused. We commend our Grand Master for refusing to issue dispensations to establish lodges in places where the success of the lodge would be doubtful. While we feel that lodges should be instituted, in reason, within the reach of all members, yet great discretion should be used.

We are pleased to find that our Grand Master was able to accept the invitation to visit our neighboring Grand Lodge of Montana and regret that he was unable, through circumstances, we understand, over which he had no control, to accept the other invitations which he received. Great good results from these fraternal visits and we would urge the incoming Grand Masters, so far as each is able, to visit other Grand Jurisdictions, especially those in our sister Provinces.

We would refer to the Committee on Jurisprudence that part of the address which is headed "Decisions."

We agree with our Grand Master that our twenty-fifth birthday should be suitably celebrated. The recommendations he makes we concur in, though the time between now and the 12th of October is too short to write and print a history of the Grand Lodge of Alberta.

We do, however, strongly recommend that steps be taken to collect the available data and secure a brother qualified for the work of preparing such a history.

Not only in our jurisdiction, but in many others, the suspension for non-payment of dues is what might be called an insoluble problem. We cannot, we fear, hope to find a cure, but we do think that some remedy may be found at least to mitigate this undoubted evil. It needs the most careful consideration and while the recent awakening desire for increased knowledge of our beloved Order is doing good, yet an even more intensive study should be made of this question.

Our Grand Master mentions his refusal to grant dispensations for Masonic funerals for two deceased brethren who were suspended for non-payment of dues, even although, as he states, such were urgently desired by relatives. From reading between the lines and from what we have learned from others the relatives of these deceased brethren were most insistent in their efforts. We cannot too highly commend M. W. Bro. Middleton for his stand. If in one case then in all, and if a brother does not value his rights and privileges highly enough to pay the dues necessary for the carrying on of the lodge, his relatives cannot expect to have the privileges of Masonry after his death. Again, we say we most heartily concur in the stand our Grand Master has taken.

The smooth working of the Grand Lodge, both in session and when at recess, depends on the Grand Secretary and we feel that the words of commendation of the Grand Master are fully merited. His untiring zeal and energy has done much to advance Masonry in this Province and this praise is fully deserved.

We refer to that part of the address which deals with income and expenditures to the Committee on Finance.

We agree with M. W. Bro. Middleton that the District Meetings do a great good and that he was able to attend all (for one was only delayed) is most worthy of praise. The District Meetings would not be the great value they are unless the Grand Master and Grand Secretary attended. The District Meeting belongs to the District Deputy. He is responsible for its success and we commend the action of the Grand Master in sending his letter to all of them calling attention to their duties. Enough attention has not been paid to the education of the District Deputies. They do a most important work and it seems to us that greater care should be taken to see that each is well instructed in the duties of his office.

We fully agree that District Deputies should not be selected because they are "good fellows" but for their "ability to instruct and teach." We are, however, human beings and jealous ones at that, and there is no doubt that in the election of District Deputies more attention is paid to location than to qualification.

Again we agree with what M. W. Bro. Middleton says with regard to non-attendance of members at lodge meetings. This might be called the twin sister of suspensions for non-payment of dues. Just so soon as a better attendance is reached, there will be less suspensions. A regular attendant is never suspended.

There is much we would like to comment favorably upon under what the Grand Master heads "Meanderings," but we fear our report is already too long.

We strongly commend him for what he says on Benevolence. This is a subject that should be as close to us as our shadows.

We would urge all to read and study what our Grand Master says under the heading, "The Challenge of Masonry to Modern Thought." It is a subject deeply interesting and of great importance to the future of the Craft.

As a committee, we feel that we have not done justice to this very excellent and instructive address. While the Grand Master states that he has fallen far short of the goal which he had in mind a year ago, we know that during the year he has been most indefatigable in his work. He has sacrificed time and energy in carrying out his duties as Grand Master and we do most heartily congratulate him on his success in upholding and maintaining the best traditions of our beloved Order in this fair Province.

All of which is fraternally submitted,

H. C. TAYLOR,
J. A. JACKSON,
H. P. REID,

Committee.

Resolved, on motion of M. W. Bro. H. C. Taylor (7), seconded by M. W. Bro. J. A. Jackson (4), "That the Report of the Committee on the Grand Master's Address be received and adopted."

REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON STANDARDS OF RECOGNITION OF FOREIGN GRAND LODGES

Jasper Park, June 12, 1930.

To the M. W. the Grand Master, Officers and Members
of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

M. W. Sir and Brethren:

In compliance with your order your Committee on Standards of Recognition of Grand Lodges has made an exhaustive study of the question and begs to report as follows:

The proposed recognition of another jurisdiction may be measured by very widely diverging standards, insisting on one hand in the practice in spirit and letter of the forms and ceremonies, philosophy and landmarks to which we are accustomed or on the other hand in a more liberal light with due recognition of the custom of the country in which the Craft resides.

By and large the requirements of the some seventy English-speaking Grand Lodges are fairly uniform and may be summarized as:

1. Acknowledged belief in a Supreme Being, God, or the G.A. O.T.U.
2. Belief in immortality.
3. The Volume of the Sacred Law is required as an indispensable part of the furniture of the lodge.

N.B.—Many Grand Lodges specify that the initiate must be obligated upon the Volume of the Sacred Law.

4. That men only shall be made Masons.
5. That Symbolic Masonry shall be divided into Three Degrees.
6. The Legend of the Third Degree.
7. Sovereignty of the Grand Lodge in its own territorial jurisdiction.
8. That it is non-sectarian and non-political.
9. That it has been formed by at least three regularly constituted lodges and has legitimate descent.

In Canada only three Grand Lodges have suggested a definite code of prerequisites for recognition, viz:

The Grand Lodge of Canada in Ontario—

1. The Grand Lodge must be an independent and sovereign body.
2. Its purposes must be fraternal and charitable, seeking the advantage of the individual and the community, to the exclusion of political and sectarian activities, propaganda or controversy.
3. It must acknowledge a belief in God, the Supreme Being.
4. It must require the open V.O.T.S.L. to be present in the lodges while at work.
5. It must make Masons of men only.
6. It must recognize the substantial divisions of symbolic Masonry into three degrees, as established and practised in this Grand Lodge.
7. It must occupy exclusively territorial jurisdiction or share the same with another by mutual consent, and must not presume to extend its authority into, or presume to establish lodges in a territory occupied by a lawful Grand Lodge, without the expressed consent of such supreme governing body.

Nova Scotia and Manitoba—

As far as we can ascertain neither of these Grand Lodges has laid down a definite code but in answer to a questionnaire on the subject sent out by the Grand Lodge of North Carolina both agreed that the requirements of that Grand Lodge were substantially the same as their own.

The requirements of the Grand Lodge of North Carolina are as follows:

“Fraternal recognition may be extended to a Grand Lodge when it appears to the satisfaction of this lodge, a committee having first considered and reported thereon:

1. That such Grand Body has been formed lawfully by at least three just and duly constituted lodges, or that it has been legalized by a valid act issuing from the Grand Lodge of North Carolina, or from a Grand Body in fraternal relations with this Grand Lodge.
2. That it is an independent, self-governing, responsible organization with entire, undisputed and exclusive dogmatic and

administrative authority over the Symbolic lodges within its jurisdiction, and not in any sense whatever subject to, or dividing such authority with a Supreme Council, or other Body claiming ritualistic or other supervision or control.

3. That it makes Masons of men only.
4. That it requires conformity to the following, which the Grand Lodge of North Carolina considers necessary in a Masonic Body:
 - (a) Acknowledgement of a belief in God, the Father of all men.
 - (b) Secrecy.
 - (c) The Symbolism of Operative Masonry.
 - (d) The division of Symbolic Masonry into the three degrees practised in North Carolina.
 - (e) The legend of the Third Degree.
 - (f) That its dominant purposes are charitable, benevolent, educational and for the worship of God; and that it excludes controversial politics and sectarian religion from all activities under its auspices.
 - (g) The Sacred Book of the Divine Law, chief among the Three Great Lights of Masonry, indispensably present in the Lodges while at work.
5. That it occupies exclusively its territorial jurisdiction or else shares the same with another by mutual consent; and that it does not presume to extend its authority into, or presume to establish lodges in a territory occupied by a lawful Grand Lodge, without the expressed assent of such supreme governing Masonic body"

In the British Isles there is an agreement between the Grand Lodges of Scotland and Ireland and the United Grand Lodge of England that no recognition will be given by any one of them without the assent of the other two and in any case will not be granted to any Grand Body which does not require belief in Deity as a fundamental.

The requirements of the United Grand Lodge of England are as follows:

1. Regularity of Origin, i.e., each Grand Lodge shall have been established lawfully by three or more regularly constituted lodges, or by a duly recognized Grand Lodge.
2. That a belief in the G.A.O.T.U. and a life hereafter shall be an essential qualification for membership.
3. That all initiates shall be obligated on the Volume of the Sacred Law, by which is meant the revelation from beyond which is binding on the conscience of the particular individual who is being initiated.
4. That the membership of the Grand Lodge and individual lodges shall be composed exclusively of men; and that such Grand Lodges shall have no Masonic intercourse of any kind with mixed lodges or bodies which admit women into membership.
5. That the Grand Lodge shall have sovereign jurisdiction over the lodges of its obedience, i.e., that it shall be a responsible,

independent, self-governing organization, with sole and undisputed authority over the Craft or Symbolic Degrees (Entered Apprentice, Fellow Craft, and Master Mason) within its jurisdiction; and shall not in any way be subject to or divide such authority with a Supreme Council or other power claiming any control or supervision over these degrees.

6. That the Three Great Lights of Freemasonry shall always be exhibited when the Grand Lodge or its subordinate lodges are at work, the chief of these being the Volume of the Sacred Law.
7. That the discussion of religion and politics within the lodge room shall be strictly prohibited.
8. That the principles of the ancient landmarks, customs and usages of the Craft shall be strictly adhered to."

From the foregoing and a mass of other information which has been examined, your committee recommends the adoption of the following Rules for Recognition:

RULES FOR RECOGNITION OF ANOTHER GRAND BODY

By the Grand Lodge of Alberta, Canada.

Fraternal recognition of a Grand Body may be granted when it appears to the Committee on Foreign Relations that recognition should be granted and the recommendation of that Committee has been adopted by the Grand Lodge of Alberta, in Annual Communication.

The finding and recommendation of the Committee on Foreign Relations shall be based on the following prerequisites:

That the Grand Body seeking recognition:

1. Shall have been lawfully established by three or more regularly constituted lodges, by this Grand Lodge, or by a Grand Body recognized by this Grand Lodge.
2. Shall have sovereign territorial jurisdiction or if territorial jurisdiction be shared with another Body or Bodies then by mutual consent and prohibition or encroachment of occupied territory.
3. Shall acknowledge as a prerequisite for membership belief in the Supreme Being, God the G.A.O.T.U.
4. Shall acknowledge as a prerequisite for membership belief in a life hereafter.
5. Shall require the open V.O.T.S.L. to be indispensably present in the lodges while at work. By the V.O.T.S.L. is meant the revelation from beyond which is binding on the particular individual who is being initiated.
6. Shall make Masons of men only.
7. Shall accept as fundamental:
 - (a) Secrecy.
 - (b) The division of Craft or Symbolic Masonry into the three accepted degrees of Entered Apprentice, Fellow Craft, and Master Mason.
 - (c) The Legend of the Third Degree.
 - (d) The Symbolism of the operative art.

8. Shall accept as its dominant purposes the practice of benevolence, charity and education;
9. Shall strictly prohibit controversial political and sectarian religious discussions within its lodges.
10. Shall adhere in practice and principle to the ancient landmarks, customs and usages of the Craft.

In conclusion, your committee wishes to gratefully acknowledge all assistance in the preparation of this report and in particular the great help derived from a voluminous report on the same subject prepared by a Special Committee headed by Bro. J. Edward Allen of North Carolina and presented to the Conference of Grand Masters of the United States.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

A. M. MITCHELL,
H. SANDILANDS,
S. M. SNEDDEN,

Committee.

Resolved, on motion of M. W. Bro. A. M. Mitchell (77), seconded by R. W. Bro. S. M. Snedden (91), "That the Report of the Special Committee on Standards of Recognition of Foreign Grand Lodges, be received and adopted."

MOTIONS

The following motion, of which due notice was given, was moved by R. W. Bro. H. Sandilands (14), seconded by R. W. Bro. S. M. Snedden (91):

"That Section 167 of the Constitution be amended by striking out all the words after 'for' on the second line thereof, and substituting therefor the words 'shall insofar as it affects lodges that work in the Canadian Rite, work in the first degree'."

The motion was put to the meeting and declared "lost."

The following motion, of which due notice was given, was moved by R. W. Bro. H. Sandilands (14), seconded by R. W. Bro. S. M. Snedden (91):

"That the form of the Questionnaire be amended, by adding the following question: Do you carry any insurance? If so, how much?"

The motion was put to the meeting and declared "lost."

The following motions, of which due notice was given, by R. W. Bro. H. Sandilands (14), were withdrawn:

"That Section 7 of the Constitution be amended by deleting all after the word 'provided' in the fourth line thereof."

"That Section 206 of the Constitution be amended by deleting all after the word 'ballot' in the tenth line thereof."

The following motion, of which due notice was given, was moved by R. W. Bro. H. Sandilands (14), seconded by W. Bro. G. Plasteras (92):

"That Section 197 of the Constitution be amended by deleting the

last sentence thereof, beginning 'No petition,' and inserting a new paragraph to be known as Section 218a, as follows:

"No application, either for initiation or affiliation, may be withdrawn after it has been referred to a Committee on Investigation of Character, without special permission from the Grand Master, to whom all particulars must be sent through the Grand Secretary."

The motion was put to the meeting and declared "carried."

The following motion, of which due notice was given, was moved by W. Bro. G. T. French (28), seconded by R. W. Bro. H. D. R. Stewart (83):

"That Section 265 of the Constitution be amended by deleting the last paragraph thereof, and substituting therefor the following:

"A Past Master, member of more than one lodge, when attending Grand Lodge or District Meetings if returned by more than one lodge shall name the lodge under whose return he will claim his ballot, and accept ballot papers for one vote only, except he carry a proxy covering more representation."

The motion was put to the meeting and declared "carried."

The following motion, of which due notice was given, was moved by R. W. Bro. G. M. Blackstock (35), seconded by R. W. Bro. Wm. Ireland (9):

"That Section 23 of the Constitution be amended by deleting all after the word 'June' in the third line thereof, and substituting therefor the following: 'alternately in the City of Calgary and in the City of Edmonton'."

It was moved in amendment by R. W. Bro. E. G. Ironside (23), seconded by W. Bro. W. T. Coote (34), "That the motion be referred to a committee to be appointed by the Grand Master, and to report to the next Grand Lodge."

The amendment, on being put to the meeting, was declared "carried."

Resolved, on motion of M. W. Bro. H. C. Taylor (7), seconded by W. Bro. C. B. Oakley (107), "That a hearty vote of thanks be tendered to Bro. Col. The Rev. G. A. Wells for his impressive address delivered at the banquet last evening, and that his address be printed in the Proceedings."

Resolved, on motion of M. W. Bro. A. M. Mitchell (77), seconded by W. Bro. Wm. Betts (58), "That a very hearty vote of thanks be extended to the brethren of Jasper Park Lodge, No. 143, for their splendid hospitality during this, the 25th Annual Communication of Grand Lodge."

Resolved, on motion of W. Bro. G. T. French (28), seconded by R. W. Bro. W. S. Cameron (93), "That the Grand Secretary be instructed to write the management of the hotel, expressing the thanks of Grand Lodge for the excellent service and accommodation given during this Grand Lodge Communication."

Resolved, on motion of R. W. Bro. H. Sandilands (14), seconded by R. W. Bro. W. Ireland (9), "That the actual expenses incurred by the Grand Tyler in attending this communication be paid, together with a special grant of \$20.00"

ELECTION OF D.D.G.M. OF MASONIC DISTRICT No 6

The members of lodges in District No. 6, having been directed by the Grand Master to elect a D.D.G.M. for the ensuing year, in place of their late W. Bro. Donald Campbell, a report was presented by R. W. Bro. E. H. Mack, D.D.G.M., announcing that they had selected W. Bro. Murdoch Matheson of Joppa Lodge, No. 40, Granum, and recommended his appointment as D.D.G.M. of District No. 6 for the ensuing year.

The Grand Master was pleased to confirm the appointment.

PLACE OF MEETING

Resolved, on motion of M. W. Bro. A. M. Mitchell (77), seconded by R. W. Bro. Chas. Flavin (11), "That the place of meeting for the next Annual Communication be Edmonton."

CALLED FROM LABOR

Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment at 12:15 noon.

Second Day**Afternoon Session****LABOR RESUMED**

The Grand Lodge resumed labor at 2:00 o'clock p.m.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The time having arrived for the election of officers, the M. W. the Grand Master appointed M. W. Bro. H. C. Taylor, R. W. Bro. A. J. Davis, R. W. Bro. H. Sandilands, R. W. Bro. Chas. G. Flavin, W. Bro. H. Graham, a Board of Scrutineers.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS AND RECEPTION

To the M. W. the Grand Master, Officers and Members
of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

M. W. Sir and Brethren:

Your Committee on Credentials are pleased to report that we find there are 159 members present at this Communication, carrying a total voting strength of 381, consisting of 147 W.M.'s, 22 S.W.'s, 17 J.W.'s, 83 Past Masters and 108 Proxies.

101 Chartered Lodges represented.

54 Chartered Lodges and 2 Lodges U.D. are without representation.

Only one lodge is represented by the W. M. and Senior and Junior Wardens. Four lodges are represented by the W. M. and S. W. Three lodges are represented by the W. M. and J. W. and one lodge is represented by the S. W. and J. W.

Your committee find that the number of proxies not forwarded to the Grand Secretary, in accordance with Section 6 of the Constitution, and to which particular attention is also directed in the annual notice of the Grand Lodge Communication sent to all lodges, which provides that proxies are to be sent to the Grand Secretary at least seven days before the Annual Communication of Grand Lodge, is increasing each year, and makes the work of the Grand Secretary and this committee more difficult, there being no less than 23 delayed proxies at this communication.

The various lodges are requested to forward their proxies to the Grand Secretary earlier in the future.

Details of representation are as follows.

Fraternally submitted,

SAM HARRIS,
Chairman.

No.	Name of Lodge	W.M.	S.W.	J.W.	P.M.	Proxy	Total Votes
1.	Bow River.....	3	..	..	..	..	3
2.	Medicine Hat.....	3	..	..	..	..	3
3.	Alberta.....	3	..	..	2	..	5
4.	North Star.....	..	3	..	2	..	5
5.	Cascade.....	..	..	..	..	3	3
6.	Spitzie.....	..	..	..	1	3	4
7.	Edmonton.....	2	..	1	3	..	6
8.	Innisfail.....	..	..	..	..	..	..
9.	Perfection.....	..	..	3	1	..	4
10.	Eureka.....	..	..	..	1	3	4
11.	Acacia.....	3	..	..	1	..	4
12.	Red Deer.....	..	..	..	..	..	..
13.	Victoria.....	..	..	..	2	3	5
14.	Jasper.....	3	..	..	2	..	5
15.	Wetaskiwin.....	3	..	..	1	..	4
16.	Mountain View.....	..	..	..	3	3	6
17.	Nanton.....	..	..	..	..	..	..
18.	Britannia.....	3	..	..	1	..	4
19.	Cornerstone.....	3	..	..	..	..	3
20.	Carstairs.....	..	..	..	..	..	..
21.	King Hiram.....	..	..	..	..	..	..
22.	Corinthian.....	3	..	..	..	..	3
23.	Calgary.....	..	..	..	2	3	5
24.	Vermilion.....	..	..	..	1	3	4
25.	St. John's.....	3	..	..	..	..	3
26.	Sentinel.....	..	..	..	..	..	..
27.	Apollo.....	..	..	..	1	3	4
28.	Ashlar.....	..	..	..	1	3	4
29.	Kenilworth.....	..	..	..	1	3	4
30.	Summit.....	3	..	..	..	..	3
31.	Doric.....	..	..	..	1	3	4
32.	Cairo.....	..	..	..	1	3	4
33.	Stavely.....	..	..	..	..	..	..
34.	Star of the West.....	..	3	..	1	..	4
35.	Mizpah.....	3	..	..	1	..	4
36.	Gleichen.....	..	..	..	..	..	..
37.	Camrose.....	3	..	..	..	..	3
38.	Hope.....	..	..	..	1	3	4
39.	Lethbridge.....	3	..	..	..	..	3
40.	Joppa.....	..	..	..	..	..	..
41.	King Solomon.....	..	..	..	..	..	..
42.	Bowden.....	..	..	..	..	..	..
43.	Tuscan.....	..	..	..	..	..	..
44.	Buffalo Park.....	..	..	..	3	3	6
45.	Ionic.....	..	3	..	..	..	3
46.	Palestine.....	..	..	..	..	..	..
47.	Chinook.....	..	..	..	..	..	..
48.	Crossfield.....	..	..	..	..	..	..
49.	Robert Burns.....	..	..	..	..	..	..
50.	Comet.....	3	..	..	..	..	3
51.	Unity.....	..	2	1	1	..	4
53.	Strathmore.....	..	..	..	..	..	..
54.	Mount Lebanon.....	..	..	..	..	..	..
55.	Bassano.....	..	..	..	..	..	..
56.	Beaver.....	..	..	..	..	..	..
57.	Grassy Lake.....	2	..	1	1	..	4
58.	Chief Mountain.....	..	..	..	2	3	5
59.	King George.....	3	..	..	1	..	4

No.	Name of Lodge	W.M.	S.W.	J.W.	P.M.	Proxy	Total Votes
60.	Acme.....	..	..	..	2	3	5
61.	Provost.....	..	..	3	..	..	3
62.	Coal.....	..	..	..	3	..	6
63.	Empire.....	2	1	..	3	..	6
64.	Bow Island.....	..	..	..	..	..	..
65.	Diamond City.....	..	..	..	..	3	3
66.	St. Andrew's.....	..	..	3	1	..	4
67.	Charity.....	3	..	..	..	..	3
68.	Edson.....	2	..	1	3	..	6
69.	Connaught.....	3	..	..	..	..	3
70.	Quarry.....	3	..	..	..	..	3
71.	Tawatinaw.....	..	..	..	2	3	5
72.	Coronation.....	3	..	..	..	..	3
73.	Brooks.....	..	..	..	..	3	3
74.	Vulcan.....	..	..	..	..	..	..
75.	Harmony.....	..	..	..	1	..	1
76.	Fidelity.....	..	..	..	1	3	4
77.	Stratheona.....	3	..	..	4	..	7
78.	Hanna.....	3	..	..	..	..	3
79.	Morning Star.....	..	..	..	..	..	..
80.	Excelsior.....	3	..	..	..	..	3
81.	Commercial.....	2	1	..	1	..	4
82.	Acadia.....	..	..	..	..	..	..
83.	Zetland.....	3	..	..	2	..	5
84.	Champion.....	..	..	..	..	..	..
85.	Suffield.....	..	..	..	..	..	..
86.	Rocky Mountain.....	3	..	..	1	..	4
87.	Crescent.....	3	..	..	..	..	3
88.	Wahpun.....	..	..	..	2	3	5
89.	Peace River.....	..	..	..	..	3	3
90.	Norwood.....	3	..	..	..	..	3
91.	Patricia.....	3	..	..	2	..	5
92.	Saskatchewan.....	2	1	..	1	..	4
93.	Symbol.....	..	..	..	1	3	4
94.	Lamont.....	..	..	..	..	..	..
95.	Kitchener.....	..	..	..	..	..	..
96.	Dynamic.....	3	..	..	1	..	4
97.	Albion.....	..	..	..	..	..	..
98.	Hand Hill.....	..	..	..	..	..	..
100.	Verdigris.....	..	..	3	..	..	3
101.	West Edmonton.....	3	..	..	..	..	3
102.	Edgerton.....	..	..	..	..	..	..
103.	Foremost.....	..	..	..	..	..	..
104.	Oyen.....	3	..	..	..	..	3
105.	Grande Prairie.....	3	..	..	..	..	3
106.	Lake Saskatoon.....	..	..	..	..	..	..
107.	Carbon.....	3	..	..	2	..	5
108.	Pyramid.....	..	..	..	..	..	..
109.	Ancient Landmark.....	..	..	..	..	..	..
110.	Kilwinning.....	..	3	..	..	..	3
111.	Nobleford.....	3	..	..	..	..	3
112.	Victory.....	..	..	..	..	..	..
113.	Cyprus.....	3	..	..	..	..	3
114.	Westlock.....	..	..	..	1	3	4
115.	Crocus.....	..	..	..	..	..	..
116.	Spirit River.....	..	..	..	1	..	1
117.	Dominion.....	3	..	..	..	..	3
118.	St. Mark's.....	..	..	..	..	3	3

No.	Name of Lodge	W.M.	S.W.	J.W.	P.M.	Proxy	Total Votes
119.	York.....	3	..	..	1	..	4
120.	Monitor.....	..	..	..	1	3	4
121.	Clive.....	..	..	..	1	3	4
122.	Rising Sun.....	..	..	..	..	..	..
123.	Rockyford.....	..	..	..	1	3	4
124.	Concord.....	..	3	..	1	..	4
125.	Cavell.....	..	..	..	1	3	4
126.	Pembina.....	..	..	..	..	3	3
127.	Granite.....	..	..	..	1	..	1
128.	Forestburg.....	..	..	..	1	3	4
129.	Meridian.....	..	..	..	..	..	..
130.	Hussar.....	..	..	..	..	3	3
131.	Kitscoty.....	..	..	..	..	..	..
132.	Craigmyle.....	..	..	..	..	..	..
133.	Manyberries.....	..	..	..	..	..	..
134.	Renfrew.....	3	..	..	..	..	3
135.	Alliance.....	..	..	..	..	..	..
136.	Cresset.....	..	..	..	..	..	..
137.	Irricana.....	..	..	..	..	..	..
138.	Onoway.....	..	..	..	..	3	3
139.	Melrose.....	..	..	..	..	..	..
140.	Big Valley.....	3	..	..	..	..	3
141.	Efficiency.....	3	..	..	..	..	3
142.	Ivanhoe.....	2	1	..	2	..	5
143.	Jasper Park.....	1	1	1	3	..	6
144.	Gratton.....	..	..	..	1	3	4
145.	St. Alban's.....	..	..	..	1	3	4
146.	Drumheller.....	3	..	..	..	..	3
147.	Northland.....	..	..	..	..	..	..
148.	Mayerthorpe.....	..	..	..	1	3	4
149.	Rosebud.....	..	..	..	..	..	..
150.	Donalda.....	..	..	..	..	..	..
151.	Lochearn.....	3	..	..	..	..	3
152.	Standard.....	..	..	..	..	..	..
U.D.	Whitecourt.....	..	..	..	..	..	..
U.D.	Sharon.....	..	..	..	..	..	..
U.D.	Waskatenau.....	3	..	..	..	..	3
U.D.	Earl Haig.....	3	..	..	..	..	3
		147	22	17	83	108	381

Resolved, on motion of R. W. Bro. S. Harris (88), seconded by R. W. Bro. C. G. Flavin (11), "That the Report of the Committee on Credentials and Reception be received and adopted."

The election of Grand Lodge Officers was then proceeded with, and the results, including the various District Deputy Grand Masters who had been elected at their District Meetings and at this communication of the Grand Lodge, and whose election was confirmed by the M. W. the Grand Master, were as follows:

GRAND LODGE OFFICERS, 1930

M. W. Bro. Sylvester M. Snedden (91).....Grand Master
 R. W. Bro. George W. Kerby (83).....Deputy Grand Master

R. W. Bro. Gilbert M. Blackstock (35)	.....	Senior Grand Warden
R. W. Bro. John Martland (63)	.....	Junior Grand Warden
R. W. Bro. Thos. Sharpe (23)	.....	Grand Treasurer
M. W. Bro. J. H. W. S. Kemmis (6)	.....	Grand Secretary
R. W. Bro. John Thomson (68)	.....	Grand Registrar
R. W. Bro. Cator B. Oakley (107)	.....	Grand Chaplain
R. W. Bro. P. Fielding (38)	.....	Grand Tyler

DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS

R. W. Bro. Joseph V. Follett (28)	.....	D.D.G.M. No. 1 Dist.
R. W. Bro. William Raisbeck (57)	.....	D.D.G.M. No. 2 Dist.
R. W. Bro. Frank R. Falconer (71)	.....	D.D.G.M. No. 3 Dist.
R. W. Bro. Duncan F. Chisholm (10)	.....	D.D.G.M. No. 4 Dist.
R. W. Bro. Alexander I. Millar (75)	.....	D.D.G.M. No. 5 Dist.
R. W. Bro. Murdoch R. Matheson (40)	.....	D.D.G.M. No. 6 Dist.
R. W. Bro. Robert Douglas (4)	.....	D.D.G.M. No. 7 Dist.
R. W. Bro. R. W. Harold Pinkney (86)	.....	D.D.G.M. No. 8 Dist.
R. W. Bro. Athelstan Grace (120)	.....	D.D.G.M. No. 9 Dist.
R. W. Bro. Herbert Percy Long (24)	.....	D.D.G.M. No. 10 Dist.
R. W. Bro. Daniel McNiven (127)	.....	D.D.G.M. No. 11 Dist.
R. W. Bro. Farmer H. Steele (114)	.....	D.D.G.M. No. 12 Dist.
R. W. Bro. Charles S. Spaulding (88)	.....	D.D.G.M. No. 13 Dist.
R. W. Bro. Peter A. Davie (82)	.....	D.D.G.M. No. 14 Dist.
R. W. Bro. Lynn Wilson (76)	.....	D.D.G.M. No. 15 Dist.
R. W. Bro. Emil W. Pust (123)	.....	D.D.G.M. No. 16 Dist.
R. W. Bro. Pryce Jones (144)	.....	D.D.G.M. No. 17 Dist.

BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES

The following brethren were elected for a term of two years:

R. W. Bro. Wm. Ireland (9)	.....	Calgary
R. W. Bro. A. Davison (59)	.....	Calgary
R. W. Bro. Jesse Elliott (2)	.....	Medicine Hat
R. W. Bro. E. G. Ironside (23)	.....	Calgary
R. W. Bro. H. Sandilands (14)	.....	Edmonton
R. W. Bro. Charles G. Flavin (11)	.....	Edmonton
W. Bro. George T. French (28)	.....	Calgary
W. Bro. Harry C. Graham (119)	.....	Lethbridge

COMMITTEE ON BENEVOLENCE

The following brethren were elected for a term of two years:

M. W. Bro. W. J. Botterill (29)	.....	Red Deer
R. W. Bro. Wm. Ireland (9)	.....	Calgary
R. W. Bro. V. H. Macaulay (59)	.....	Calgary

APPOINTED OFFICERS

R. W. Bro. S. M. Snedden, Grand Master elect, announced the following appointments:

V. W. Bro. Chas. W. Boon (91)	.....	Senior Grand Deacon
V. W. Bro. Thomas D. Gold (118)	.....	Junior Grand Deacon
V. W. Bro. George Merton Ball (27)	.....	Grand Organist
V. W. Bro. David Patterson (83)	.....	Grand Director of Ceremonies
V. W. Bro. William K. Ranton (148)	.....	Grand Steward
V. W. Bro. Harold C. Westbrook (119)	.....	Grand Steward
V. W. Bro. Vernon W. Parrish (2)	.....	Grand Steward
V. W. Bro. William H. Scott (24)	.....	Grand Steward
V. W. Bro. H. Herbert McMordie (81)	.....	Grand Steward
V. W. Bro. James K. Smith (116)	.....	Grand Steward
V. W. Bro. Elmer Finkle (58)	.....	Grand Pursuivant

The newly elected officers present were duly installed and the appointed officers invested by M. W. Bro. H. C. Taylor, Past Grand Master.

Resolved, on motion of R. W. Bro. H. D. R. Stewart (83), seconded by R. W. Bro. G. W. Kerby (83), "That the Grand Secretary inform R. W. Bro. Thos. Sharpe by wire of his re-election to the office of Grand Treasurer."

PRESENTATION

M. W. Bro. S. M. Snedden, on behalf of Grand Lodge, presented M. W. Bro. S. H. Middleton, Immediate Past Grand Master, with a set of Past Grand Master's regalia. M. W. Bro. S. H. Middleton expressed in fitting terms his appreciation of the gift.

GRAND LODGE CLOSED

The business of Grand Lodge being ended, the Twenty-fifth Annual Communication was closed in Ample Form at 5:15 o'clock p.m. with prayer by the Grand Chaplain.



Grand Secretary.

GRAND LODGE OFFICERS 1930

M.W. Bro. Sylvester M. Snedden (91).....	Grand Master
Provincial Mental Hospital, Ponoka.	
R.W. Bro. George W. Kerby (83).....	Deputy Grand Master
Mount Royal College, Calgary.	
R.W. Bro. Joseph V. Follett (28).....	D.D.G.M. No. 1 Dist.
2107-14th Street W., Calgary.	
R.W. Bro. William Raisbeck (57), Grassy Lake...	D.D.G.M. No. 2 Dist.
R.W. Bro. Frank R. Falconer (71), Athabasca...	D.D.G.M. No. 3 Dist.
R.W. Bro. Duncan F. Chisholm (10), Lacombe...	D.D.G.M. No. 4 Dist.
R.W. Bro. Alexander I. Millar (75), Sedgewick...	D.D.G.M. No. 5 Dist.
R.W. Bro. Murdoch R. Matheson (40), Granum...	D.D.G.M. No. 6 Dist.
R.W. Bro. Robert Douglas (4).....	D.D.G.M. No. 7 Dist.
618-3rd Avenue South, Lethbridge.	
R.W. Bro. R. W. Harold Pinkney (86), Blairmore...	D.D.G.M. No. 8 Dist.
R.W. Bro. Athelstan Grace (120), Monitor...	D.D.G.M. No. 9 Dist.
R.W. Bro. Herbert Percy Long, (24), Vermilion...	D.D.G.M. No. 10 Dist.
R.W. Bro. Daniel McNiven (127), Blackie.....	D.D.G.M. No. 11 Dist.
R.W. Bro. Farmer H. Steele (114), Westlock.....	D.D.G.M. No. 12 Dist.
R.W. Bro. Charles S. Spaulding (88), High Prairie...	D.D.G.M. No. 13 Dist.
R.W. Bro. Peter A. Davie (82), Youngstown.....	D.D.G.M. No. 14 Dist.
R.W. Bro. Lynn Wilson (76), Bashaw.....	D.D.G.M. No. 15 Dist.
R.W. Bro. Emil W. Pust (123), Rockyford.....	D.D.G.M. No. 16 Dist.
R.W. Bro. Pryce Jones (144), Irma.....	D.D.G.M. No. 17 Dist.
R.W. Bro. Gilbert M. Blackstock (35).....	Senior Grand Warden
Medicine Hat.	
R.W. Bro. John Martland (63).....	Junior Grand Warden
9618-105th Street, Edmonton.	
R.W. Bro. Thos. Sharpe (23).....	Grand Treasurer
527-18th Avenue W., Calgary.	
M.W. Bro J. H. W. S. Kemmis (6).....	Grand Secretary
Masonic Temple, Calgary.	
R.W. Bro. John Thomson (68), Edson.....	Grand Registrar
R.W. Bro. Cator B. Oakley (107), Elnora.....	Grand Chaplain
V.W. Bro. Chas. W. Boon (91).....	Senior Grand Deacon
10129-118th Street, Edmonton.	
V.W. Bro. Thomas D. Gold (118).....	Junior Grand Deacon
1714-33rd Avenue S.W., Calgary.	
V.W. Bro. George Merton Ball (27), Stettler.....	Grand Organist
V.W. Bro. David Patterson (83).....	Grand Director of Ceremonies
440-21st Avenue N.E., Calgary.	
V.W. Bro. William K. Ranton (148), Mayerthorpe.....	Grand Steward
V.W. Bro. H. Herbert McMordie (81).....	Grand Steward
11850-94th Street, Edmonton.	
V.W. Bro. James K. Smith (116), Spirit River.....	Grand Steward
V.W. Bro. Harold C. Westbrook (119), Lethbridge.....	Grand Steward
V.W. Bro. Vernon W. Parrish (2), Medicine Hat.....	Grand Steward
V.W. Bro. William H. Scott (24), Vermilion.....	Grand Steward
V.W. Bro. Elmer Finkle (58), Cardston.....	Grand Pursuivant
R.W. Bro. P. Fielding (38), Mulga.....	Grand Tyler

BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES

President.....	R.W. Bro. Geo. W. Kerby
Vice-President.....	R.W. Bro. G. M. Blackstock
Secretary.....	M.W. Bro. J. H. W. S. Kemmis

BY VIRTUE OF OFFICE

M.W. Bro. S. M. Snedden (91), Grand Master.....	Ponoka
And the following Past Grand Masters:	
M.W. Bro. Geo. MacDonald (1).....	Calgary
M.W. Bro. H. C. Taylor (7).....	Edmonton
M.W. Bro. G. H. Hogbin (1).....	Belize, Honduras
M.W. Bro. J. T. Macdonald (9).....	Calgary
M.W. Bro. Robert Patterson (3).....	Macleod
M.W. Bro. S. J. Blair (9).....	Calgary
M.W. Bro. J. A. Jackson (4).....	Lethbridge
M.W. Bro. E. T. Bishop (14).....	Edmonton
M.W. Bro. W. M. Connacher (9).....	Calgary
M.W. Bro. W. J. Botterill (29).....	Red Deer
M.W. Bro. J. H. W. S. Kemmis (6).....	Calgary
M.W. Bro. J. Watson Younge (37).....	London, Ont.
M.W. Bro. Frederick S. Selwood (28).....	Calgary
M.W. Bro. Horace P. Reid (14).....	Edmonton
M.W. Bro. Norman E. Carruthers (10).....	Lacombe
M.W. Bro. T. F. English (23).....	Calgary
M.W. Bro. Geo. E. Cruickshank (26).....	Hillcrest
M.W. Bro. A. M. Mitchell (77).....	Edmonton
M.W. Bro. S. H. Middleton (58).....	Cardston
M.W. Bro. E. A. Braithwaite (7).....	Edmonton
M.W. Bro. W. G. Scott (—).....	Winnipeg
M.W. Bro. R. S. Thornton (—).....	Deloraine, Man.
R.W. Bro. Geo. W. Kerby (83), Deputy Grand Master.....	Calgary
R.W. Bro. G. M. Blackstock (35), Senior Grand Warden.....	Medicine Hat
R.W. Bro. John Martland (63), Junior Grand Warden.....	Edmonton
R.W. Bro. Thos. Sharpe (23), Grand Treasurer.....	Calgary
R.W. Bro. John Thomson (68), Grand Registrar.....	Edson

ELECTED BY GRAND LODGE

R.W. Bro. Wm. Ireland (9).....	Calgary
R.W. Bro. H. D. R. Stewart (83).....	Calgary
R.W. Bro. Victor A. Bowes (83).....	Calgary
R.W. Bro. Samuel Harris (88).....	High Prairie
R.W. Bro. V. H. Macaulay (59).....	Calgary
R.W. Bro. John Gillespie (1).....	Calgary
R.W. Bro. H. R. Chauncey (28).....	Calgary
R.W. Bro. Andrew Davison (59).....	Calgary
R.W. Bro. Edwin G. Ironside (23).....	Calgary
R.W. Bro. H. Sandilands (14).....	Edmonton
R.W. Bro. Charles G. Flavin (11).....	Edmonton
R.W. Bro. Jesse Elliott (2).....	Medicine Hat
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In Memoriam

OF THE
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*"Let vain regret refrain from empty sighing
And yield its place to things of higher worth;
For at the Gates of Time a hand is lifted
To beckon on to new and untried ways."*

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<i>Jurisdiction</i>	<i>Name and Rank</i>	<i>Date of Death</i>
Arkansas.....	Bauerlein, Louis, P.G.M.....	Oct. 17, 1929
Colorado.....	McGaffey, Albert Bertrand, P.G.M.	April 3, 1929
Connecticut.....	McKenzie, Thomas, P.G.M.....	July 25, 1929
Indiana.....	Holloway, Olin E., P.G.M.....	Sept. 25, 1929
Indiana.....	Lippincott, Charles A., P.G.M.....	Mar. 14, 1929
Iowa.....	Walton, Charles Wesley, P.G.M.....	Feb. 20, 1930
Main.....	Johnson, Charles Fletcher, P.G.M.....	Feb. 15, 1930
Michigan.....	Gilbert, Frank O., P.G.M.....	Nov. 27, 1929
Nevada.....	Churchyard, Wendell H., P.G.M.....	July 20, 1929
New York.....	Farmer, William S., P.G.M.....	Feb. 22, 1930
New York.....	Vrooman, John W., P.G.M.....	Nov. 23, 1929
North Carolina...	Royster, Beverly Sampson, P.G.M.	Nov. 16, 1929
Oklahoma.....	Murrow, Joseph Samuel, P.G.M.....	Sept. 8, 1929
Oklahoma.....	Phillips, George Harrison, P.G.N.....	Feb. 23, 1929
Ohio.....	Goodale, Levi Grafton, P.G.M.....	Sept. 26, 1929
Ohio.....	Griffiths, Edwin S., P.G.M.....	Jan. 25, 1930
Ohio.....	Gulliford, E. C., P.G.M.....	Feb. 10, 1930
Oregon.....	Flanagan, William Hutton, P.G.M.	Feb. 18, 1930
Tennessee.....	Byrn, Charles Henry, P.G.M.....	Dec. 24, 1929
Texas.....	McMillan, Dan Scott, P.G.M.....	Feb. 6, 1930
Texas.....	Watson, John, P.G.M.....	Feb. 15, 1930
Washington.....	Prescott, David Sanborn, P.G.M.....	May 26, 1929
West Virginia...	Myers, Samuel Nathaniel, P.G.M.	Dec. 31, 1929
Wisconsin.....	Greene, David Benjamin, P.G.M.....	June 15, 1929
Wisconsin.....	Perry, William Watson, P.G.M.....	Sept. 13, 1929

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No.	Lodge	Name	Date of Death
1.	Bow River.....	Pearson, Robert.....	Feb. 8, 1929
1.	Bow River.....	Hopcraft, Thomas J.....	Feb. 15, 1929
1.	Bow River.....	Turnbull, Roy Fred.....	April 17, 1929
1.	Bow River.....	Sewell, Robert.....	Aug. 22, 1929
1.	Bow River.....	Diamond, Jacob.....	Dec. 16, 1929
2.	Medicine Hat.....	Lowe, William.....	April 19, 1929
2.	Medicine Hat.....	Endersby, John P.....	Dec. 8, 1929
3.	Alberta.....	Butter, George.....	Mar. 29, 1929
3.	Alberta.....	Sutherland, James B.....	April 29, 1929
4.	North Star.....	Mewburn, Francis Hamilton..	Jan. 29, 1929
4.	North Star.....	McNabb, Thomas.....	April 18, 1929
4.	North Star.....	Willocks, William.....	Jan. 16, 1929
4.	North Star.....	Wright, Robert A. M.....	May 22, 1929
4.	North Star.....	Connor, Edward L.....	Mar. 14, 1929
4.	North Star.....	Tulloch, William Robert A. .	June 5, 1929
5.	Cascade.....	Reynolds, Albert E.....	June 3, 1929
5.	Cascade.....	Brett, Robert George.....	Sept. 16, 1929
5.	Cascade.....	Roots, Ernest.....	Oct. 30, 1929
5.	Cascade.....	Muir, James.....	Nov. 16, 1929
5.	Cascade.....	Asling, William Franklin....	Dec. 19, 1929
6.	Spitzie.....	Arthur, Chester A.....	Feb. 1, 1929
7.	Edmonton.....	Webster, William John.....	April 16, 1929
7.	Edmonton.....	Badgley, William W.....	Sept. 18, 1929
7.	Edmonton.....	Caseley, Everett John.....	Oct. 19, 1927
8.	Innisfail.....	Rogers, James Thomas.....	July 14, 1929
9.	Perfection.....	Pattison, Charles Andrew....	June 29, 1929
9.	Perfection.....	Cornish, Henry Read.....	Dec. 1, 1929
10.	Eureka.....	Young, Frank.....	Feb. 25, 1929
10.	Eureka.....	Birch, Herbert Wesley.....	Dec. 25, 1929
11.	Acacia.....	Jefferson, Frederick William..	June 11, 1929
11.	Acacia.....	Bell, Stewart James.....	Nov. 11, 1929
12.	Red Deer.....	White, Christopher.....	Aug. 23, 1929

<i>No.</i>	<i>Lodge</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Date of Death</i>
13.	Victoria	Holt, Francis Joseph	Dec. 29, 1928
14.	Jasper	Foster, Harold Percival	May 10, 1929
14.	Jasper	Plowman, William Edward	May 31, 1929
15.	Wetaskiwin	Johnson, Nerls A.	Oct. 9, 1929
17.	Nanton	Rounds, Walter	Mar. 18, 1929
17.	Nanton	Brakey, James O.	Nov. 16, 1929
19.	Cornerstone	Caspell, William	Jan. 27, 1929
19.	Cornerstone	Sim, William Alexander	Feb. 28, 1929
19.	Cornerstone	Noble, William John	Sept. 11, 1929
19.	Cornerstone	Riddle, Douglas Munro	Dec. 7, 1929
20.	Carstairs	Downie, Simon	April 28, 1929
21.	King Hiram	Dobson, Andrew Hedley	Dec. 12, 1929
22.	Corinthian	McRae, Murray Alexander	April 1, 1929
23.	Calgary	Fee, Samuel John	Mar. 28, 1929
23.	Calgary	Shipley, William John	April 28, 1929
23.	Calgary	Graham, Thomas Henry	Dec. 17, 1929
24.	Vermilion	Sommerville, Albert	Dec. 22, 1929
26.	Sentinel	Bradley, Thomas	Dec. 13, 1929
27.	Apollo	King, Louis Henry	Aug. 14, 1929
29.	Kenilworth	Lobb, Jacob	Mar. 4, 1929
29.	Kenilworth	Lobb, Richard E.	July 13, 1929
31.	Doric	Munro, Hibbert Parsons	Aug. 5, 1929
32.	Cairo	Munro, William Dudley	Dec. 1, 1929
33.	Stavely	Hopkins, Roland Arthur	Feb. 27, 1929
33.	Stavely	Nurcombe, Thomas	Sept. 12, 1929
34.	Star of the West ..	Sutherland, William F.	May 14, 1929
34.	Star of the West ..	Wells, Eddie Carl	Aug. 5, 1929
36.	Gleichen	Clark, John	Nov. 7, 1929
37.	Camrose	Brown, John A. McM.	July 21, 1929
43.	Tuscan	Kennedy, Benjamin	Jan. 17, 1929
44.	Buffalo Park	Fieldhouse, Henry Vernon	Aug. 10, 1929
44.	Buffalo Park	Templeton, James F.	Nov. 21, 1929
48.	Crossfield	Clayton, Edward John	April 15, 1929
51.	Unity	Denson, Thomas M.	Jan. 17, 1929
51.	Unity	Robertson, Andrew	Sept. 21, 1929
54.	Mount Lebanon	Corey, Heber Stowel	April 10, 1929
54.	Mount Lebanon	Dickson, George	April 17, 1929
55.	Bassano	Brennan, Cornelius E.	April 18, 1929
55.	Bassano	Wight, Robert S. S.	Feb. 10, 1929

<i>No.</i>	<i>Lodge</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Date of Death</i>
56.	Beaver	Armitage, Edgar Gaskell	April 27, 1929
58.	Chief Mountain	Gillespie, Robert G.	Jan. 11, 1929
59.	King George.	West, George C.	Feb. 16, 1929
59.	King George.	Buckle, William James.	May 11, 1929
59.	King George	McGregor, William.	May 20, 1929
61.	Provost.	Gerrie, William Alexander.	Jan. 21, 1929
63.	Empire	Arthur, George Frederick.	May 9, 1929
63.	Empire.	Beart, George F.	May 15, 1929
64.	Bow Island.	Neil, James.	Sept. 8, 1929
64.	Bow Island	Ridgedale, George Francis	Dec. 6, 1929
67.	Charity.	Wilson, Alexander McKenzie.	Aug. 24, 1929
68.	Edson.	Lindsay, Frederick.	Dec. 14, 1928
68.	Edson.	Scott, Edward.	Sept. 5, 1929
68.	Edson.	Hare, William Robert.	Nov. 2, 1929
68.	Edson.	Williamson, Joseph.	Dec. 17, 1929
68.	Edson.	Gibbs, William.	July 3, 1929
70.	Quarry.	Thomson, George.	Sept. 21, 1929
70.	Quarry.	Odlin, Fred.	Dec. 9, 1929
72.	Coronation.	Short, George Thomas Atkins Dec. 26, 1929	
73.	Brooks.	Bambrick, Charles L.	Jan. 9, 1929
73.	Brooks.	Pope, Charles Arthur.	Mar. 18, 1929
74.	Vulcan.	Lawrence, Thomas Andrew.	Sept. 16, 1929
76.	Fidelity.	Fagen, Morton Allison.	Feb. 16, 1929
76.	Fidelity.	Naslund, Peter John.	Dec. 3, 1929
81.	Commercial.	Henderson, Frederick Wm.	Jan. 30, 1929
83.	Zetland.	Crawford, George C.	Feb. 4, 1929
87.	Crescent.	McCallum, Herbert A.	May 19, 1929
87.	Crescent.	Murray, George.	Nov. 7, 1929
87.	Crescent.	Hall, Harry.	Dec. 11, 1929
89.	Peace River.	Grimshaw, Matthew E.	Nov. 8, 1929
89.	Peace River.	Carlisle, Albert E.	1929
89.	Peace River.	Shirry, Charles C.	Jan. 19, 1929
89.	Peace River.	Rogers, Harold.	Feb. 18, 1929
89.	Peace River.	McCashin, James W.	Feb. 1929
90.	Norwood.	Potter, George William.	July 8, 1929
90.	Norwood.	Thompson, William Edward.	Aug. 31, 1929
90.	Norwood.	Neale, William.	Sept. 18, 1929
91.	Patricia.	Forster, Frederick G.	Feb. 14, 1929
91.	Patricia.	McCombs, De Roice.	Mar. 7, 1929

<i>No.</i>	<i>Lodge</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Date of Death</i>
91.	Patricia.....	Clements, James.....	June 11, 1929
91.	Patricia.....	Sheffield, William Newton	May 22, 1929
91.	Patricia.....	Rust, Herbert George.....	July 21, 1929
91.	Patricia.....	Jordon, George Wilmot.....	Aug. 18, 1929
93.	Symbol.....	Pepper, Richard Mortimer...	Feb. 11, 1929
93.	Symbol.....	Parkinson, William Leslie...	June 12, 1929
93.	Symbol.....	Thomas, Joseph David.....	Oct. 19, 1929
98.	Hand Hill.....	Williams, Percy Montford...	April 4, 1929
98.	Hand Hill.....	Stewart, Francis John.....	June 12, 1929
101.	West Edmonton...	Harmon, Elmer R.....	Jan. 4, 1929
106.	Lake Saskatoon...	Pare, Leon.....	Jan. 3, 1929
108.	Pyramid.....	Lawler, Joseph Wilfred.....	April 4, 1929
110.	Kilwinning.....	Waite, Tom Donald.....	June 17, 1929
113.	Cyprus.....	Thomason, Joseph Sharp.....	Aug. 24, 1929
118.	St. Mark's.....	Fisher, James.....	Aug. 22, 1929
120.	Monitor.....	McDonald, Arthur.....	Nov. 6, 1929
123.	Rockyford.....	Gibson, Frederick Wallis...	Oct. 8, 1929
125.	Cavell.....	Smith, Sidney Jesse.....	May 6, 1929
129.	Meridian.....	Kullander, Joseph M.....	May 27, 1929
130.	Hussar.....	Macdonald, John R.....	Jan. 19, 1929
130.	Hussar.....	Gray, Frederick.....	Sept. 12, 1929
134.	Renfrew.....	Bingham, Alfred James.....	July 31, 1929
142.	Ivanhoe.....	Morrison, Frederick Augustus	Feb. 25, 1929
142.	Ivanhoe.....	Nelson, James Ettinger.....	April 19, 1929
143.	Jasper Park.....	Goodair, Percy Hamilton....	Sept. 12, 1929
143.	Jasper Park.....	Watkins, David Oliver.....	Nov. 26, 1929
143.	Jasper Park.....	Bragg, Edward Charles Fred'k	Nov. 27, 1929
144.	Gratton.....	Seton, James Neigel Carriston	Jan. 1929
144.	Gratton.....	Chase, Orville, Lee.....	July 26, 1929
145.	St. Alban's.....	Wells, Francis John.....	Jan. 27, 1929
152.	Standard.....	Alexander, William.....	Nov. 21, 1929
154.	Waskatenau.....	Walker, Ralph M.....	May 11, 1929

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<i>No.</i>	<i>Lodge</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Date</i>
2.	Medicine Hat.....	Preston, James Henry.....	Dec. 27, 1929
2.	Medicine Hat.....	Bisson, George William.....	Dec. 27, 1929
2.	Medicine Hat.....	Cossar, David Dickson.....	Dec. 27, 1929
3.	Alberta.....	Clark, Frank James.....	May 15, 1929
4.	North Star.....	Burrill, Benjamin B.....	Dec. 27, 1929
4.	North Star.....	Price, Thomas Samuel.....	Dec. 27, 1929
4.	North Star.....	Noble, Samuel Robert.....	Dec. 27, 1929
4.	North Star.....	McLaws, Kenneth Barr.....	Dec. 27, 1929
4.	North Star.....	Peat, Norman Bonner.....	Dec. 27, 1929
4.	North Star.....	Parks, Asa.....	Dec. 27, 1929
4.	North Star.....	Andrews, William.....	Dec. 27, 1929
4.	North Star.....	Crawford, Hugh Wilson.....	Dec. 27, 1929
4.	North Star.....	Marrs, William Henry.....	Dec. 27, 1929
5.	Cascade.....	Faulkner, Arundell Wallis.....	Feb. 14, 1929
5.	Cascade.....	Hastings, Andrew Peacock.....	June 13, 1929
5.	Cascade.....	Clyne, James.....	June 13, 1929
5.	Cascade.....	Denton, Lewis Arthur.....	June 13, 1929
5.	Cascade.....	Sutherland, Claude K.....	June 13, 1929
5.	Cascade.....	Kidner, William Henry.....	Dec. 12, 1929
7.	Edmonton.....	McIntyre, Albert James.....	Dec. 10, 1929
7.	Edmonton.....	Palmer, Creighton Ross.....	Dec. 10, 1929
7.	Edmonton.....	McLaren, Thomas David.....	Dec. 10, 1929
7.	Edmonton.....	Sissons, John Moore.....	Dec. 10, 1929
9.	Perfection.....	Hill, James I.....	May 21, 1929
9.	Perfection.....	Kent, William George.....	May 21, 1929
9.	Perfection.....	Martin, John Scovie.....	May 21, 1929
9.	Perfection.....	Ogilvie, Frederick Allen.....	May 21, 1929
9.	Perfection.....	Paterson, William.....	May 21, 1929
9.	Perfection.....	Lodge, John.....	May 21, 1929
10.	Eureka.....	Morrison, Walter Bert.....	Nov. 6, 1929
10.	Eureka.....	Dutton, Thomas Alfred.....	Nov. 6, 1929
10.	Eureka.....	Corker, Alfred Frank.....	Nov. 6, 1929
10.	Eureka.....	Thompson, Douglas S.....	Nov. 6, 1929
10.	Eureka.....	McLeod, Harry.....	Nov. 6, 1929
12.	Red Deer.....	McDonald, Norman R.....	Mar. 12, 1929
14.	Jasper.....	Defieux, Donovan.....	June 10, 1929
14.	Jasper.....	Fox, John.....	June 10, 1929
14.	Jasper.....	McCall, Francis Stacey.....	June 10, 1929
14.	Jasper.....	Reid, John Elmond.....	June 10, 1929
14.	Jasper.....	Sacker, James Henry.....	June 10, 1929
14.	Jasper.....	Watkins, William John.....	June 10, 1929
16.	Mountain View.....	Garrick, William H.....	Dec. 27, 1929
16.	Mountain View.....	McDonald, David George.....	Dec. 27, 1929
16.	Mountain View.....	Bald, Robert Bennett.....	Dec. 27, 1929
16.	Mountain View.....	Scott, Ernest Howard.....	Dec. 27, 1929
17.	Nanton.....	Govier, George Arthur.....	Dec. 20, 1929
20.	Carstairs.....	Smith, Michael.....	Mar. 21, 1929
20.	Carstairs.....	Holiday, Ernest McIntyre.....	Mar. 21, 1929
21.	King Hiram.....	Reitzell, Edward G.....	Dec. 11, 1929
23.	Calgary.....	Anderson, Dean Christopher.....	Mar. 1, 1929
23.	Calgary.....	Dunlop, James Craig.....	Mar. 1, 1929
23.	Calgary.....	Hodges, Virgil Baker.....	Mar. 1, 1929
23.	Calgary.....	James, Willis George.....	Feb. 1, 1929
28.	Ashlar.....	Evans, Stanley Livingstone.....	Dec. 12, 1929
28.	Ashlar.....	Hawkshaw, Edward Parry.....	Dec. 12, 1929
28.	Ashlar.....	McDonald, Gordon Edward.....	Dec. 12, 1929

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28.	Ashlar	Nicholson, Reginald L.	Dec. 12, 1929
28.	Ashlar	Waugh, Edgar Hall	Dec. 12, 1929
29.	Kenilworth	MacKenzie, Hugh Allen	May 7, 1929
29.	Kenilworth	Oram, Henry Reginald	May 7, 1929
29.	Kenilworth	Peterson, Anton	May 7, 1929
29.	Kenilworth	Pruethun, Paul Jonas	May 7, 1929
29.	Kenilworth	Hunt, William John	May 7, 1929
29.	Kenilworth	McCann, Samuel William	Sept. 3, 1929
32.	Cairo	Austin, Richard	Mar. 19, 1929
32.	Cairo	Cottingham, George Edward	Mar. 19, 1929
32.	Cairo	James, Charles Wesley S.	Jan. 15, 1929
32.	Cairo	Moffatt, Robert Ernest	Feb. 19, 1929
32.	Cairo	Ottewell, Claude	Jan. 15, 1929
32.	Cairo	Provan, Ralph	Mar. 19, 1929
32.	Cairo	Thorn, James H. R.	Mar. 19, 1929
32.	Cairo	Wilson, George Arthur	Jan. 15, 1929
34.	Star of the West	MacAuley, Angus	June 4, 1929
34.	Star of the West	Aicher, Roland Fred	June 4, 1929
34.	Star of the West	Rawson, Phillip Warwick	June 4, 1929
35.	Mizpah	Rees, Jeffrey Valentine	Dec. 17, 1929
37.	Camrose	Watson, William Doleman	Oct. 10, 1929
37.	Camrose	Hall, Carman Joseph	Oct. 10, 1929
37.	Camrose	Noble, Joseph Stuart	Oct. 10, 1929
38.	Hope	Hills, James	Dec. 31, 1929
38.	Hope	McCauley, David	Dec. 31, 1929
38.	Hope	Comer, George William	Dec. 31, 1929
38.	Hope	Buchanan, John Hunter	Dec. 31, 1929
43.	Tuscan	Slaght, Lorne	Dec. 16, 1929
43.	Tuscan	Jones, Urban Arthur	Dec. 16, 1929
45.	Ionic	Barnett, William Harold	Oct. 17, 1929
47.	Chinook	Johnson, Peter	May 20, 1929
48.	Crossfield	Hall, Douglas J.	July 16, 1929
50.	Comet	McMillan, John Roy	Nov. 14, 1929
50.	Comet	Wright, Arthur Sydney	Nov. 14, 1929
51.	Unity	Airth, William Blair	June 4, 1929
51.	Unity	Allen, William Steven	June 4, 1929
51.	Unity	Forbes, Donald	June 4, 1929
51.	Unity	Irgens, Christopher	June 4, 1929
51.	Unity	Loney, Joseph	June 4, 1929
51.	Unity	McKinnon, Clarence James	June 4, 1929
51.	Unity	McLeod, Neil	June 4, 1929
51.	Unity	Robinson, Gilbert Gregory	June 4, 1929
51.	Unity	Sapper, Abraham	June 4, 1929
51.	Unity	Shaw, James	June 4, 1929
51.	Unity	Smith, Ralph	June 4, 1929
51.	Unity	Lorimer, Francis James	Dec. 3, 1929
53.	Strathmore	Gaitskell, Claude Whitemore	Dec. 2, 1929
54.	Mount Lebanon	Draper, Harry	May 14, 1929
58.	Chief Mountain	Burton, Ernest William	June 12, 1929
58.	Chief Mountain	Hamilton, Gordon D.	June 12, 1929
58.	Chief Mountain	Young, George Reginald	June 12, 1929
59.	King George	Cowan, William J.	June 14, 1929
59.	King George	Ball, Henry	June 14, 1929
59.	King George	Coard, Stanley R.	June 14, 1929
59.	King George	Vincent, William J.	June 14, 1929
59.	King George	Naftel, Paul	June 14, 1929
59.	King George	Williams, Thomas John	June 14, 1929
59.	King George	Leslie, Edward C.	Nov. 8, 1929
59.	King George	Belsheim, Thomas	Nov. 8, 1929

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59.	King George.....	Dawson, Jacob.....	Nov. 8, 1929
59.	King George.....	Caldwell, Oscar.....	Nov. 8, 1929
59.	King George.....	Hutchings, Percy.....	Nov. 8, 1929
63.	Empire.....	Hart, William Henry.....	Mar. 18, 1929
63.	Empire.....	Randall, William Spicer.....	Mar. 18, 1929
63.	Empire.....	White, Ira Robert.....	Mar. 18, 1929
66.	St. Andrew's.....	Fawcett, Shirley D.....	Dec. 12, 1929
67.	Charity.....	Hopkins, William.....	Dec. 10, 1929
68.	Edson.....	Stappard, John Robert.....	Feb. 7, 1929
68.	Edson.....	Anderson, Oscar Hugo.....	Feb. 7, 1929
70.	Quarry.....	Stoner, Robert Royer.....	June 4, 1929
70.	Quarry.....	Butler, Edward P. M.....	June 4, 1929
71.	Tawatinaw.....	Harriman, Ralph.....	Sept. 4, 1929
71.	Tawatinaw.....	James, William Warren.....	Sept. 4, 1929
71.	Tawatinaw.....	MacDowell, Roy.....	Sept. 4, 1929
74.	Vulcan.....	Mason, Charles Roland.....	May 21, 1929
74.	Vulcan.....	Mason, George Walter.....	May 21, 1929
74.	Vulcan.....	Hollister, Roscoe Ernest.....	July 2, 1929
76.	Fidelity.....	Wright, John Leslie.....	Mar. 19, 1929
76.	Fidelity.....	Jackson, Reginald Burns.....	Mar. 19, 1929
77.	Strathcona.....	MacEwen, James.....	Dec. 13, 1929
77.	Strathcona.....	Dowley, William B. K.....	Dec. 13, 1929
77.	Strathcona.....	Phillips, Robert.....	Dec. 13, 1929
78.	Hanna.....	Arnum, George D.....	Oct. 2, 1929
78.	Hanna.....	Galbraith, Alexander A.....	Oct. 2, 1929
78.	Hanna.....	Jamieson, Johnston.....	Oct. 2, 1929
78.	Hanna.....	McDonald, Arthur R.....	Oct. 2, 1929
80.	Excelsior.....	Canavan, Stanley Thomas.....	June 20, 1929
81.	Commercial.....	Coon, Henry Augusta.....	Feb. 2, 1929
81.	Commercial.....	Kane, Edward Martin.....	Feb. 2, 1929
81.	Commercial.....	Maxwell, Robert.....	Feb. 2, 1929
81.	Commercial.....	Palmer, Leslie Alden.....	Feb. 2, 1929
81.	Commercial.....	Thompson, Harry.....	Feb. 2, 1929
81.	Commercial.....	Thompson, William John.....	Feb. 2, 1929
84.	Champion.....	Orr, William A.....	April 11, 1929
84.	Champion.....	Gill, Herbert.....	April 11, 1929
87.	Crescent.....	Burrell, Charles A.....	May 14, 1929
87.	Crescent.....	Cuddie, Thomas R.....	May 14, 1929
87.	Crescent.....	Davis, Christopher L.....	May 14, 1929
87.	Crescent.....	Gunn, Sinclair.....	May 14, 1929
87.	Crescent.....	Purvis, John Joseph.....	Dec. 10, 1929
88.	Wahpun.....	McArthur, James.....	Dec. 19, 1929
88.	Wahpun.....	Hyman, Noah Edward.....	Dec. 19, 1929
89.	Peace River.....	Kidd, Edward T.....	April 10, 1929
89.	Peace River.....	McLean, Donald.....	April 10, 1929
89.	Peace River.....	Slack, Augustas M.....	April 10, 1929
91.	Patricia.....	Bartley, George Herbert.....	Dec. 20, 1929
91.	Patricia.....	Barton, Art Giles.....	Dec. 20, 1929
91.	Patricia.....	Brown, William Dennis.....	Dec. 20, 1929
91.	Patricia.....	Hollies, Robert Talbot.....	Dec. 20, 1929
91.	Patricia.....	McCrum, Archer.....	Dec. 20, 1929
91.	Patricia.....	MacDonald, Norman L.....	Dec. 20, 1929
92.	Saskatchewan.....	Miller, William Francis.....	Dec. 13, 1929
98.	Hand Hill.....	Seigner, Harry A.....	Feb. 20, 1929
100.	Verdigris.....	Luker, John W.....	Sept. 12, 1929
101.	West Edmonton.....	King, William Harold.....	June 24, 1929
101.	West Edmonton.....	Hird, Albert E.....	June 24, 1929
107.	Carbon.....	Bell, Robert Hamilton.....	June 18, 1929
108.	Pyramid.....	Salter, George D.....	Dec. 11, 1929

<i>No.</i>	<i>Lodge</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Date</i>
108.	Pyramid	Gerard, George R.	Dec. 11, 1929
109.	Ancient Landmark	Gough, Walter Henry	April 3, 1929
109.	Ancient Landmark	McNair, Hugh John	April 3, 1929
110.	Kilwinning	Huffman, Edward	Dec. 31, 1929
110.	Kilwinning	Leeland, Irving A.	Dec. 31, 1929
110.	Kilwinning	Lawrence, William V.	Dec. 31, 1929
110.	Kilwinning	McGugan, Angus C.	Dec. 31, 1929
112.	Victory	Morrison, James	Jan. 3, 1929
113.	Cyprus	Campbell, Daniel	May 15, 1929
113.	Cyprus	Waterman, Isaac Harry	May 15, 1929
114.	Westlock	Bowling, Jake	June 6, 1929
114.	Westlock	Jorgenson, William B.	June 6, 1929
114.	Westlock	MacLean, Malcolm M.	June 6, 1929
114.	Westlock	Watt, Edwin Wesley	June 6, 1929
115.	Crocus	Reardon, Aldxander	Aug. 21, 1929
115.	Crocus	Mawdsley, James	Dec. 18, 1929
115.	Crocus	Phillips, Alfred Mercer	Dec. 18, 1929
117.	Dominion	Warren, John Leonard	Nov. 13, 1929
117.	Dominion	Tally, James	Nov. 13, 1929
117.	Dominion	Butcher, Edward Lawrence	Nov. 13, 1929
120.	Monitor	Foster, Norman M.	Jan. 31, 1929
120.	Monitor	Bouchard, Dosithee	Jan. 31, 1929
120.	Monitor	Hargrove, William F.	Dec. 27, 1929
123.	Rockyford	Hendricks, Joseph F.	June 20, 1929
123.	Rockyford	Sangster, Claud	June 20, 1929
123.	Rockyford	Thurston, George	June 20, 1929
128.	Forestburg	Pride, S. S.	Jan. 23, 1929
128.	Forestburg	Parry, Maurice D.	Jan. 23, 1929
132.	Craigmyle	Holtby, Vickerman	May 21, 1929
132.	Craigmyle	Plunkett, David A.	May 21, 1929
132.	Craigmyle	McLean, Edward G.	May 21, 1929
134.	Renfrew	Hill, Henry Bruce	May 13, 1929
134.	Renfrew	Grantham, Bertram R.	Oct. 14, 1929
134.	Renfrew	Haley, William Earl	Oct. 14, 1929
134.	Renfrew	McColl, Allan M.	Oct. 14, 1929
134.	Renfrew	Sutton, Joseph	Oct. 14, 1929
137.	Irricana	Archibald, Andrew	June 18, 1929
137.	Irricana	Smith, Roy	Dec. 17, 1929
142.	Ivanhoe	De Hart, Eugene Jacob	Jan. 7, 1929
143.	Jasper Park	Hall, George Augusta	Dec. 12, 1929
146.	Drumheller	Burton, John T.	April 16, 1929

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<i>No.</i>	<i>Lodge</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Date</i>
1.	Bow River	Collicutt, Frank H.	Feb. 6, 1929
1.	Bow River	Minkler, Lewis P.	Feb. 6, 1929
1.	Bow River	Lamb, Richard	April 30, 1929
2.	Medicine Hat	McIntosh, William	Feb. 12, 1929
2.	Medicine Hat	Noble, Charles Emory	Sept. 10, 1929
3.	Alberta	Grier, Roy V.	Jan. 16, 1929
3.	Alberta	Barton, Robert Edward	Sept. 18, 1929
4.	North Star	Hill, William S.	Feb. 6, 1929
4.	North Star	Allen, John	May 13, 1929
9.	Perfection	McCauseland, Frederick J.	Nov. 19, 1929
13.	Victoria	Driver, George Frederick	Feb. 19, 1929

<i>No.</i>	<i>Lodge</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Date</i>
14.	Jasper	Low, Alexander Grant	June 10, 1929
14.	Jasper	McCall, Francies Stacey	Sept. 9, 1929
14.	Jasper	Campbell, Alexander	Sept. 9, 1929
19.	Cornerstone	Howsom, George Robert	May 16, 1929
19.	Cornerstone	Butchart, Arthur Ernest	Sept. 19, 1929
20.	Carstairs	Smith, Michael	May 23, 1929
23.	Calgary	Anderson, Herbert Edgar	Mar. 1, 1929
23.	Calgary	Hodges, Virgil Baker	April 5, 1929
24.	Vermilion	Reid, James Edwin	June 4, 1929
25.	St. John's	Hughes, William H.	Jan. 7, 1929
32.	Cairo	Bell, George Allan	Oct. 15, 1929
32.	Cairo	Cottingham, George Edward	Dec. 17, 1929
32.	Cairo	Provan, Ralph	Dec. 27, 1929
34.	Star of the West	Coulter, Howard S.	Feb. 5, 1929
39.	Lethbridge	Martin, William John	Nov. 22, 1929
40.	Joppa	Whitehead, Robert	Mar. 1, 1928
43.	Tuscan	Black, Albert	May 1, 1929
44.	Buffalo Park	May, Humphrey Philip	Feb. 20, 1929
51.	Unity	Logan, Charles Robert	Dec. 3, 1929
54.	Mount Lebanon	Howison, Henry Shannon	April 9, 1929
54.	Mount Lebanon	Maxey, William M.	April 9, 1929
59.	King George	Campbell, D. E. C.	Mar. 8, 1929
59.	King George	Bleakley, Josiah	April 12, 1929
59.	King George	Poppit, John Edward	June 14, 1929
63.	Empire	Weaver, Frederick A.	Feb. 18, 1929
63.	Empire	Roberts, Percival Hodges	Mar. 18, 1929
63.	Empire	Hart, William Henry	Sept. 16, 1929
63.	Empire	Allen, Ernest Victor	Nov. 18, 1929
65.	Diamond City	Higgins, Alexander	May 2, 1929
66.	St. Andrew's	Farrow, Glen Herbert	Nov. 14, 1929
74.	Vulcan	Hall, Clyde Silas	Feb. 5, 1929
78.	Hanna	Jamieson, Johnston	Dec. 4, 1929
81.	Commercial	Thompson, William John	Mar. 2, 1929
81.	Commercial	Thompson, Harry	Mar. 9, 1929
85.	Suffield	Rose, James	Mar. 20, 1929
89.	Peace River	Slack, Augustas Manfred	May 8, 1929
89.	Peace River	McLean, Donald	Oct. 9, 1929
90.	Norwood	Mitchell, Vernon	Jan. 8, 1929
92.	Saskatchewan	Condell, William N.	Oct. 10, 1929
92.	Saskatchewan	Zimmerman, Morris	Dec. 12, 1929
93.	Symbol	Moyer, Fred Clare	Jan. 10, 1929
93.	Symbol	Rosentiel, James R.	Feb. 14, 1929
98.	Hand Hill	McDonald, Kenneth	Mar. 20, 1929
100.	Verdigris	Browne, Wilfred Bernard	Nov. 14, 1929
101.	West Edmonton	King, William Harold	Oct. 2, 1929
102.	Edgerton	Hain, Alfred H.	Nov. 11, 1929
104.	Oyen	Webster, Frederick W.	Aug. 28, 1926
104.	Oyen	Watrous, William Ernest	Dec. 26, 1927
106.	Lake Saskatoon	Tilt, Robert B.	Mar. 20, 1929
114.	Westlock	Jorgenson, William B.	Dec. 23, 1929

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1.	Bow River	F. J. Hand	R. Swift	1522 4th St. N.W., Calgary	First Wednesday in each month.
2.	Medicine Hat	Daniel S. Reid	W. H. Williams	406 Dundee St., Medicine Hat	Second Tuesday in each month.
3.	Alberta	W. R. Brookes	J. S. Collis	Macleod	Third Wednesday in each month.
4.	North Star	H. G. Stretton	Wm. M. Edwards	P.O. Box 402, Lethbridge	Second Monday in each month.
5.	Cascade	A. K. Colebrook	W. E. Ward	Banff	Thursday, on or before full moon.
6.	Spitzee	T. Macrellus	H. O. Purkis	Pincher Creek	First Tuesday in each month.
7.	Edmonton	J. J. Blewett	F. Barnhouse	P.O. Box 515, Edmonton	Second Tuesday in each month.
8.	Innisfail	J. A. Laird	W. H. Jackson	Innisfail	Third Tuesday in each month.
9.	Perfection	F. Parker	C. E. Halliday	Masonic Temple, Calgary	First Wednesday in each month.
10.	Eureka	E. H. Jones	Jesse Fraser	Lacombe	Second Tuesday in each month.
11.	Acacia	Wm. P. MacDonald	Jas. Duncan	10705 74th Avenue, Edmonton S.	Second Tuesday in each month.
12.	Red Deer	J. P. McKinnon	A. G. Ayres	Red Deer	Tuesday, on or before full moon.
13.	Victoria	E. D. LeRiche	H. N. Carscadden	Fort Saskatchewan	Second Monday in each month.
14.	Inspur	P. T. Plozman	H. Sandilands	9258 91st St., Edmonton	Third Thursday in each month.
15.	Wetaskiwin	A. C. Irving	Geo. D. Wallace	Wetaskiwin	Friday, on or before full moon.
16.	Mountain View	A. C. Bury	Dr. C. C. Hartman	Olds	Third Friday in each month.
17.	Nanton	H. C. Wingate	T. M. Alexander	Nanton	First Thursday in each month.
18.	Britannia	Thos. A. Stewart	A. G. Glendinning	Ponoka	Third Thursday in each month.
19.	Cornerstone	John Miller	P. G. Thomas	P.O. Drawer 307, High River	Thursday, on or before full moon.
20.	Carstairs	W. Shantz	W. A. Pryor	Carstairs	Tuesday, on or before full moon.
21.	King Hiram	Wm. Leadbetter	H. Morgan	Didsbury	First Tuesday in each month.
22.	Corinthian	Wm. Fisher	G. C. St. Paterson	Okotoks	First Friday in each month.
23.	Calgary	A. Higgins	J. A. McBurney	1313 13th Ave. W., Calgary	First Tuesday in each month.
24.	Vermilion	Robert McGee	John B. Tonper	Vermilion	First Monday in each month.
25.	St. John's	M. F. Thomas	F. H. Neombe	Vegreville	Wednesday on or before full moon.
26.	Sentinel	Wm. Robinson	H. O. Westrup	Hillcrest	First Monday in each month.
27.	Apollo	N. W. Connolly	C. B. Morton	Stettler	Second Thursday in each month.
28.	Ashlar	Wm. G. Hinday	J. W. Quinney	808 16th Ave. W., Calgary	First Tuesday in each month.
29.	Kenilworth	Wm. J. Wilde	D. M. Wright	Red Deer	First Thursday in each month.
30.	Summit	R. F. Barnes	A. M. Cooke	Coleman	Second Tuesday in each month.
31.	Doric	E. L. Cooke	J. Howell Jones	P.O. Box 116, Taber	Third Tuesday in each month.
32.	Cairo	P. J. Peterson	H. O. Halmow	Clareholm	Tuesday, on or before full moon.
33.	Stavely	T. L. Riford	M. E. Matchow	Stavely	First Tuesday in each month.
34.	Star of the West	N. W. Allyn	W. B. Hawkins	Ledy	Third Tuesday in each month.
35.	Mizpah	John Hill	W. B. Stevens	227 2nd St., Medicine Hat	Tuesday, on or next after full moon.
36.	Gleichen	Andrew Peters	A. C. B. Lewis	Gleichen	Second Thursday in each month.
37.	Camrose	Thos. Scott	H. Perkins	Camrose	Monday, on or before full moon.
38.	Hope	N. McKinnon	W. N. Crooks	Manville	Third Thursday in each month.
39.	Lethbridge	Wm. Russ	E. J. Rossiter	P.O. Box 537, Lethbridge	Second Thursday in each month.
40.	Joppa	O. H. Edwards	J. Still	Grauman	

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41.	King Solomon	E. W. Crowe	W. H. Matthews	Cochrane	Friday, on or before full moon.
42.	Rowden	Wm. Bookless	Arthur L. Boyd	Rowden	Tuesday, on or before full moon.
43.	Tuscan	John Edwards	Hayward Smith	Killam	Wednesday, on or before full moon.
44.	Buffalo Park	James Fuller	F. Redgwell	Wainwright	Wednesday, on or before full moon.
45.	Ionie	George Ross	W. C. Tellman	Alix	Thursday, before full moon.
46.	Palestine	M. E. Hammond	J. W. Chapman	Tofield	Third Wednesday in each month.
47.	Chinook	N. B. Welsh	M. A. Murphy	Cowley	Monday, on or before full moon.
48.	Crossfield	Wm. Law	Chas. D. Purvis	Crossfield	Tuesday, on or before full moon.
49.	Robert Burns	Chas. A. Wynn	Jas. Davies	Carmangay	Monday, on or before full moon.
50.	Comet	E. W. Wright	A. W. Dickson	Hardisty	Second Wednesday in each month.
51.	Unity	R. F. W. Lowe	D. McIntosh	9832 107th St., Edmonton	First Tuesday in each month.
52.	Strathmore	Edm. Groves	W. S. Padden	Strathmore	First Monday in each month.
53.	Mount Lebanon	John Ross	P. K. G. Child	3623 7A St. S. W., Calgary	Second Tuesday in each month.
54.	Bassano	A. G. Scott	H. H. Reber	Bassano	Second Tuesday in each month.
55.	Beaver	H. W. Boyce	A. H. Newham	Castor	First Wednesday in each month.
56.	Grassy Lake	Wm. Ralsbeck	W. E. McNeill	Grassy Lake	Second Thursday in each month.
57.	Chief Mountain	O. Rostrup	Wm. Betts	Caston	Second Friday in each month.
58.	King George	Thos. S. Jeffery	Thos. B. Donald	1126 Kensington Road, Calgary	Second Friday in each month.
59.	Acme	M. Carlyle	Jas. C. Smith	Acme	Thursday, on or before full moon.
60.	Provost	Joseph B. Mackay	C. M. Horner	Provost	Third Wednesday in each month.
61.	Coal	S. T. Wetterberg	G. C. Proctor	Edmonton	Third Thursday in each month.
62.	Empire	Geo. Engcombe	J. Martland	9618 104th St., Edmonton	Third Monday in each month.
63.	Bow Island	A. Stephens	H. B. Lumbard	Birditt	Tuesday, on or before full moon.
64.	Diamond City	C. S. Clendenning	H. B. Fuller	Kipp	First Thursday in each month.
65.	St. Andrews	H. McLellan	W. McMillan	Rocky	Thursday, on or before full moon.
66.	Charity	H. G. Houlton	Chas. Barrett	539 12th St. A., N. Lethbridge	Second Tuesday in each month.
67.	Edson	A. D. A. MacMillan	Frank C. Glover	P.O. Box 110, Edson	First Thursday in each month.
68.	Connaught	W. H. Empey	H. Rollins	Viking	Tuesday nearest full moon.
69.	Quarry	H. J. Cox	A. J. Learmonth	Redcliff	First Tuesday in each month.
70.	Tawatinaw	K. E. Heacock	C. F. Shoubridge	Atabasca	First Wednesday in each month.
71.	Coronation	Geo. D. Armstrong	A. G. Fox	Coronation	Thursday, on or before full moon.
72.	Brooks	C. C. Elliott	Dr. C. E. Anderson	Brooks	Third Tuesday in each month.
73.	Brooks	C. C. Elliott	F. M. Anderson	Vulcan	Monday, on or before full moon.
74.	Vulcan	G. McQueen	W. J. Cumberland	Sedgewick	Tuesday, on or before full moon.
75.	Hermion	A. F. Butt	Jas. A. Marshall	Bashaw	Second Friday in each month.
76.	Fidelity	W. L. Mundy	H. C. Neal	3855 84th Ave., Edmonton	First Wednesday in each month.
77.	Stratheona	H. E. Cottle	H. J. Adams	Hanna	Thursday, on or before full moon.
78.	Hanna	H. Grummitt	A. Chamberlin	Loughheed	Thursday, on or before full moon.
79.	Morning Star	Walter Steen	Jas. Hamilton	Strome	First Saturday in each month.
80.	Excelsior	Jos. Mansell	H. H. McMordie	11850 94th St., Edmonton	Thursday, on or before full moon.
81.	Commercial	Robt. Cockburn	L. R. Martin	Yungtown	Second Friday in each month.
82.	Acadia	Jas. E. McLeod	Geo. Cromie	3 Glenwood Manor, Calgary	Second Thursday in each month.
83.	Zetland	Wm. J. Snaddon	Chas. McLean	Champion	Wednesday, on or before full moon.
84.	Champion	G. E. Volsey	J. C. Anderson	Suffield	Wednesday, on or before full moon.
85.	Suffield	W. W. Christie	J. C. Anderson	Suffield	Wednesday, on or before full moon.

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86.	Rocky Mountain	E. A. Harper	D. MacPherson	Blairmore	Second Monday in each month.
87.	Crescent	Thos. Watson	M. Currie	607 17th Ave. N.W., Calgary	Second Tuesday in each month.
88.	Wahpun	H. B. Becker	H. H. Reynolds	High Prairie	Thursday, on or after full moon.
89.	Peace River	W. J. Adams	T. A. Norris	Peace River	Second Wednesday in each month.
90.	Norwood	H. G. Sorenson	Alex. Rutherford	10622 111th St., Edmonton	Second Thursday in each month.
91.	Patricia	G. T. E. Avenell	Geo. H. McAvoy	10014 102nd Ave., Edmonton	Third Friday in each month.
92.	Saskatchewan	Geo. Plasteras	W. G. Scott	11516 94th St., Edmonton	Second Thursday in each month.
93.	Symbol	G. H. Chambers	W. A. MacCrimmon	Drunheller	Second Thursday in each month.
94.	Lamont	J. A. Alton	L. B. Adams	Lamont	First Monday in each month.
95.	Kitchener	F. Pepper	G. L. Newson	Rimby	Friday, on or before full moon.
96.	Dynamic	W. J. Fleming	Robert Emond	Holden	First Wednesday in each month.
97.	Albion	Jeffery Swan	Edgar B. Atkins (acting)	Rustone	First Thursday in each month.
98.	Hand Hill	F. J. Netherton	A. Anderson	Delia	Wednesday, on or before full moon.
99.	Verdigris	G. N. Giles	H. L. Thomson	Milk River	Thursday, on or before full moon.
100.	West Edmonton	J. F. Stevenson	Wm. MacKenzie	12774 115th St., Edmonton	First Wednesday in each month.
101.	Edgerton	H. A. Kelly	T. J. Chavasse	Edgerton	Monday, on or before full moon.
102.	Foremost	John Cooke	E. A. Rowe	Foremost	First Wednesday in each month.
103.	Oyen	J. M. Marshall	C. L. Dunford	Oyen	First Friday in each month.
104.	Grande Prairie	A. R. McMillan	D. W. Pratt (Actg.)	Grande Prairie	Third Wednesday in each month.
105.	Lake Saskatchewan	John Smith	A. E. W. Roberts	Wembley	Wednesday, on or before full moon.
106.	Carbon	C. B. Oakley	S. F. Torrance	Carbon	Tuesday, on or before full moon.
107.	Pyramid	A. R. Hanna	W. J. Clements	Box 135, Lomond	Monday, on or before full moon.
108.	Ancient Landmark	F. L. Smathers	J. F. Baugh	Mirror	First Wednesday in each month.
109.	Kilwinning	T. O. B. G. Hickman	G. T. MacGregor	Minburn	Third Monday in each month.
110.	Nobleford	E. L. Woodbury	E. Rubie	Nobleford	First Tuesday in each month.
111.	Victory	A. Christenson	J. A. Waite	Jarrow	First Thursday in each month.
112.	Cyprus	H. J. Wright	A. J. Robertson	Three Hills	Third Wednesday in each month.
113.	Westlock	G. A. Jamieson	Geo. McTavish	Westlock	First Tuesday in each month.
114.	Cetus	Jas. Rennie	R. W. Wright	P.O. Box 208, Chinook	Wednesday, on or after full moon.
115.	Spirit River	D. H. Keay	A. C. Egan	Spirit River	Third Monday in each month.
116.	Dominion	W. A. Deprose	W. W. Ward	9928 111th St., Edmonton	Second Wednesday in each month.
117.	St. Mark's	Geo. Knight	R. W. Price	1824 15th St. S.W., Calgary	Second Monday in each month.
118.	Yukon	A. M. Fisher	Wm. L. Shera	619 13th St. S., Lethbridge	First Tuesday in each month.
119.	Monitor	Wm. T. Taylor	A. L. Todd	Monitor	Thursday, on or after full moon.
120.	Clive	A. E. Willson	H. B. Scott	Clive	Wednesday, on or before full moon.
121.	Rising Sun	B. T. Stirling	Wm. Dean	Gadsby	Wednesday, on or before full moon.
122.	Rockyford	Ivo V. Reish	Chas. Bradwell	Rockyford	Thursday, on or before full moon.
123.	Concord	A. E. McKay	W. F. Solomon	624 1st Ave. N.W., Calgary	First Saturday in each month.
124.	Cavell	C. W. Storey	J. J. Manning	Delburne	Thursday, on or after full moon.
125.	Pembina	H. H. Sides	E. Dumbrell	Sanguo	First Tuesday in each month.
126.	Granite	M. C. Burke	Harry Andrews	Blackie	First Wednesday in each month.
127.	Forestburg	Gerald Oberg	Wm. Smith Jr.	Forestburg	Fourth Wednesday in each month.
128.	Meridian	I. Kowensky	J. F. Clarke	Stony Plain	Tuesday, on or before full moon.
129.	Husar	L. P. Snyder	F. R. Reeves	Husar	Second Monday in each month.

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131.	Kitscoty.....	A. C. Matheson.....	Chris. Cairns.....	Kitscoty.....	Wednesday, on or before full moon.
132.	Craigmyle.....	E. A. Cavanaugh.....	E. M. Warren.....	Craigmyle.....	Thursday, on or before full moon.
133.	Manyberries.....	E. C. Bennett.....	Geo. W. Richmond.....	Oran.....	Wednesday, on or before full moon.
134.	Rentrev.....	A. D. Summing.....	C. W. Seace.....	1 King Apts., Calgary.....	Second Wednesday in each month.
135.	Alliance.....	Jas. A. Scollon.....	Wm. N. Bates.....	Alliance.....	First Wednesday in each month.
136.	Cresset.....	C. F. Nelson.....	John A. Gow.....	Barons.....	Monday after the full moon.
137.	Irricana.....	Jas. H. May.....	Frank A. Lount.....	Roseker.....	Third Tuesday in each month.
138.	Onoway.....	Arnon Brown.....	E. Longman.....	Onoway.....	First Wednesday in each month.
139.	Melrose.....	John P. Block.....	H. H. Griffiths.....	Daysland.....	Second Tuesday in each month.
140.	Big Valley.....	H. M. Scott.....	W. J. Good.....	Big Valley.....	First Tuesday in each month.
141.	Efficiency.....	W. A. Mitchell.....	I. H. Cochrane.....	Hughenden.....	First Monday in each month.
142.	Ivanhoe.....	H. Paterson.....	M. C. Wright.....	908 1/2 115th St., Edmonton.....	Second Thursday in each month.
143.	Jasper Park.....	A. K. Hobbs.....	R. D. McConnell.....	Jasper.....	Third Thursday in each month.
144.	Gratton.....	E. P. Tomlinson.....	N. S. Johnson.....	Irma.....	Fourth Thursday in each month.
145.	St. Alban's.....	A. Crowther.....	Wm. G. Fuller.....	St. Paul.....	Third Tuesday in each month.
146.	Drumheller.....	J. G. Dewar.....	V. W. R. B. Ball.....	Drumheller.....	Fourth Tuesday in each month.
147.	Northland.....	L. A. Shearer.....	E. J. Martin.....	Fairview.....	Second Thursday in each month.
148.	Mayerthorpe.....	O. D. Metzger.....	H. Boucher.....	Mayerthorpe.....	Thursday, on or before full moon.
149.	Rosebud.....	John Martin.....	M. N. Jones.....	Rosebud.....	Second Wednesday in each month.
150.	Donalda.....	E. W. Grice.....	W. E. Porter.....	Donalda.....	Second Monday in each month.
151.	Locheam.....	James Horne.....	W. J. Strong.....	Rocky Mountain House.....	Third Wednesday in each month.
152.	Standard.....	C. P. Dahl.....	R. M. Clark.....	Standard.....	Third Monday in each month.
153.	Whitecourt.....	Thos. G. Govenlock.....	W. H. Graham.....	Whitecourt.....	First Tuesday in each month.
154.	Waskatenau.....	Thos. F. Jewell.....	W. J. Boyd.....	Waskatenau.....	First Wednesday in each month.
155.	Earl Haig.....	F. J. Thurston.....	T. M. Bole.....	Barhead.....	Second Wednesday in each month.
156.	Hythe.....	S. H. McClelland.....	E. C. S. Freeman.....	Hythe.....	Last Thursday in each month.
UD	Sharon.....	J. Watson.....	W. A. Drennan.....	Iron Springs.....	Fourth Wednesday in each month.
UD	Berry Creek.....	W. J. Winning.....	E. W. Summerbell.....	Pollockville.....	Fourth Wednesday in each month.

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No.	Lodge	Dec. 31, 1929	Degrees			Joined	Reinstated	Decrease				Dec. 31, 1929	Increase	Decrease
			Initiated	Passed	Raised			Dimit	N.P.D.	U.M.C.	Died			
1	Bow River.....	301	4	4	3	5	3	4	...	...	5	304	3	...
2	Medicine Hat....	236	7	7	6	2	2	2	3	...	2	240	4	...
3	Alberta.....	89	2	2	3	1	2	1	1	...	...	90	1	...
4	North Star.....	276	2	5	5	3	2	2	9	...	6	266	...	10
5	Cascade.....	181	6	5	1	1	...	4	6	...	5	173	...	8
6	Spitzie.....	95	2	4	4	1	...	4	...	...	1	93	...	2
7	Edmonton.....	295	8	8	8	6	...	10	4	...	3	292	...	3
8	Innisfail.....	90	1	...	...	1	...	6	...	...	1	85	...	5
9	Perfection.....	416	12	15	16	6	1	3	6	...	2	424	8	...
10	Eureka.....	126	10	9	9	4	...	4	5	...	2	129	3	...
11	Acacia.....	203	7	10	11	2	...	3	...	...	2	207	4	...
12	Red Deer.....	141	2	2	1	...	...	1	1	...	1	140	...	1
13	Victoria.....	61	3	2	2	1	1	3	...	...	1	62	1	...
14	Jasper.....	190	2	2	2	1	3	1	6	...	2	187	...	3
15	Wetaskiwin.....	110	3	3	3	4	...	4	...	...	1	112	2	...
16	Mountain View..	81	8	8	8	...	...	1	4	...	...	84	3	...
17	Nanton.....	92	3	5	2	1	...	...	1	...	2	93	1	...
18	Britannia.....	84	4	3	3	2	...	1	...	...	...	89	5	...
19	Cornerstone.....	159	7	7	7	...	2	1	...	...	4	163	4	...
20	Carstairs.....	58	4	5	4	...	1	2	2	...	1	58	...	...
21	King Hiram.....	101	10	10	8	2	...	1	1	...	1	110	9	...
22	Corinthian.....	121	14	13	16	3	...	...	...	...	1	137	16	...
23	Calgary.....	263	4	7	5	6	2	6	4	...	3	262	...	1
24	Vermilion.....	107	6	6	5	3	1	3	...	...	1	113	6	...
25	St. John's.....	106	5	7	7	3	1	3	...	...	...	112	6	...
26	Sentinel.....	72	2	2	2	1	...	1	...	...	1	73	1	...
27	Apollo.....	131	...	...	1	...	...	5	...	...	1	126	...	5
28	Ashlar.....	229	4	6	6	4	...	7	5	...	...	225	...	4
29	Kenilworth.....	111	1	1	1	1	...	3	6	...	2	102	...	9
30	Summit.....	54	3	3	3	4	...	1	...	...	...	60	6	...
31	Doric.....	65	...	...	...	...	...	4	...	...	1	60	...	5
32	Cairo.....	84	3	3	3	1	3	5	8	...	1	77	...	7
33	Stavely.....	66	5	5	2	...	...	5	...	...	2	64	...	2
34	Star of the West	76	...	...	...	2	1	3	3	...	2	71	...	5
35	Mizpah.....	120	4	3	3	2	...	1	1	...	...	134	4	...
36	Gleichen.....	93	6	7	6	1	...	2	...	...	1	97	4	...
37	Camrose.....	99	8	8	10	3	...	2	3	...	1	104	5	...
38	Hope.....	55	3	5	5	1	...	...	4	...	...	55	...	...
39	Lethbridge.....	175	2	2	2	1	1	2	...	...	...	177	2	...
40	Joppa.....	48	5	4	4	...	1	...	...	...	...	54	6	...
41	King Solomon...	27	...	...	1	...	...	1	...	...	...	26	...	1
42	Bowden.....	53	5	5	5	1	...	...	...	...	...	59	6	...
43	Tuscan.....	96	2	3	4	...	1	3	2	...	1	92	...	4
44	Buffalo Park...	63	3	5	5	3	1	...	...	...	1	68	5	...

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45	Ionic.....	34							1			33		1
46	Palestine.....	60	4	2	2	2						66	6	
47	Chinook.....	41						1	1			39		2
48	Crossfield.....	66	5	5	5	1		4	1		1	66		
49	Robert Burns.....	36	1	2	2			2				35		1
50	Comet.....	41	1	1	1	1		1	2			40		1
51	Unity.....	439	16	13	13	4	1	5	12		2	441	2	
53	Strathmore.....	95	2	1		1		3	1			94		1
54	Mount Lebanon.....	250	6	9	5	1	2	3	1		2	253	3	
55	Bassano.....	85	2	2	2	8		3			2	90	5	
56	Beaver.....	63	5	5	5	1					1	68	5	
57	Grassy Lake.....	40	5	2	2							45	5	
58	Chief Mountain.....	44	4	3	2	1		2	3		1	43		1
59	King George.....	314	18	22	22	6	3	5	11		3	322	8	
60	Acme.....	58	2	2	2			5				55		3
61	Provost.....	66	3	3	2						1	68	2	
62	Coal.....	36	2	2				1				37	1	
63	Empire.....	156	8	4	4	1	4	5	3		2	159	3	
64	Bow Island.....	82	8	6	4	3		3			2	88	6	
65	Diamond City.....	33					1	2				32		1
66	St. Andrews.....	50	5	5	4		1		1			55	5	
67	Charity.....	87	3	3	3		1	3	1		1	85		2
68	Edson.....	137	8	9	9	2		2	2		5	138	1	
69	Connaught.....	45	2	2	2	3		4				46	1	
70	Quarry.....	52	2	2				1	2		2	49		3
71	Tawatinaw.....	41	4	2	2				3			42	1	
72	Coronation.....	87	6	6	7	4		1			1	95	8	
73	Brooks.....	105	8	7	8	2		2			2	111	6	
74	Vulcan.....	95	5	5	5	5	1	4	3		1	98	3	
75	Harmony.....	51			1			1				50		1
76	Fidelity.....	80	6	5	5	4			2		2	86	6	
77	Strathcona.....	183	8	8	8	2		2	3			188	5	
78	Hanna.....	103	4	6	5	5	1	3	4			106	3	
79	Morning Star.....	37						1				36		1
80	Excelsior.....	32			2			2	1			29		3
81	Commercial.....	197	8	9	9	3	2	3	6		1	200	3	
82	Acadia.....	56	3	1	3	1		1				59	3	
83	Zetland.....	235	3	5	4	7		1			1	243	8	
84	Champion.....	63	4	3	4	2			2			67	4	
85	Suffield.....	24					1	2				23		1
86	Rocky Mountain.....	69	1	1	1	1		3				68		1
87	Crescent.....	227	16	17	17	6		1	5		3	240	13	
88	Wahpun.....	43	3	2	1				2			44	1	
89	Peace River.....	70	7	8	7		2	2	3		5	69		1

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90	Norwood.....	119	2	4	4	1	1	4	...	...	3	116	...	3
91	Patricia.....	416	7	13	14	2	...	11	5	...	6	412	...	24
92	Saskatchewan...	91	7	7	8	6	2	3	1	...	...	101	10	...
93	Symbol.....	201	6	6	6	1	2	7	...	...	3	200	...	1
94	Lamont.....	49	1	3	2	...	...	3	...	...	...	47	...	2
95	Kitchener.....	30	...	...	...	1	...	1	...	...	...	30	...	...
96	Dynamic.....	54	...	4	4	1	...	...	...	...	...	55	1	...
97	Albion.....	36	1	2	2	...	...	1	...	...	...	36	...	...
98	Hand Hill.....	58	2	2	2	...	1	1	1	...	2	57	...	1
100	Verdigris.....	49	3	3	4	1	1	6	1	...	...	47	...	2
101	West Edmonton	106	7	8	5	...	1	4	2	...	1	107	1	...
102	Edgerton.....	42	2	2	2	1	1	3	...	...	...	43	1	...
103	Foremost.....	39	1	1	...	2	...	4	...	...	...	38	...	1
104	Oyen.....	63	2	2	3	13	2	2	...	...	...	78	15	...
105	Grande Prairie..	88	6	3	2	4	...	1	...	...	...	97	9	...
106	Lake Saskatoon..	53	9	10	11	...	1	...	...	...	1	62	9	...
107	Carbon.....	63	...	...	2	...	...	1	...	...	...	62	...	1
108	Pyramid.....	35	4	5	5	1	...	2	...	...	1	37	2	...
109	Ancient	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
...	Landmark.....	45	3	2	2	...	...	2	...	...	...	46	1	...
110	Kilwinning.....	46	...	...	...	...	...	3	4	...	1	38	...	8
111	Nobleford.....	27	6	6	6	...	...	1	...	...	...	32	5	...
112	Victory.....	28	...	...	1	1	...	...	1	...	...	28	...	...
113	Cyprus.....	57	2	1	2	3	...	5	2	...	1	54	...	3
114	Westlock.....	58	3	5	4	...	1	3	4	...	...	55	...	3
115	Crocus.....	42	2	2	1	...	...	1	3	...	...	40	...	2
116	Spirit River.....	56	5	4	4	1	...	1	...	...	...	61	5	...
117	Dominion.....	74	11	8	7	2	...	4	3	...	...	80	6	...
118	St. Mark's.....	92	8	6	8	3	...	1	...	...	1	101	9	...
119	York.....	98	6	6	4	1	...	...	...	...	...	105	7	...
120	Monitor.....	51	4	4	4	1	...	1	3	...	1	51	...	...
121	Clive.....	22	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	23	1	...
122	Rising Sun.....	61	2	2	2	2	...	...	...	...	...	65	4	...
123	Rockyford.....	48	7	6	6	1	...	1	3	...	1	51	3	...
124	Concord.....	110	6	5	5	1	...	4	...	...	...	113	3	...
125	Cavell.....	45	4	4	4	...	...	...	...	...	1	48	3	...
126	Pembina.....	36	2	2	2	...	...	2	...	...	...	36	...	...
127	Granite.....	69	5	6	4	...	...	...	...	...	...	74	5	...
128	Forestburg.....	43	2	2	2	3	...	...	2	...	...	46	3	...
129	Meridian.....	37	3	3	7	...	...	3	...	...	1	36	...	1
130	Hussar.....	36	2	3	3	1	...	1	...	...	2	36	...	...
131	Kitscoty.....	32	4	3	2	2	...	1	...	...	...	37	5	...
132	Craigmyle.....	37	2	2	2	...	...	2	3	...	...	34	...	3
133	Manyberries.....	31	4	4	3	2	...	3	...	...	...	34	3	...

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134	Renfrew.....	134	4	4	3	13	...	1	5	...	1	144	10	...
135	Alliance.....	34	5	5	5	1	...	3	...	...	...	37	3	...
136	Cresset.....	28	2	1	1	...	...	2	...	...	...	28	...	...
137	Irricana.....	44	9	13	13	3	...	4	2	...	...	50	6	...
138	Onoway.....	24	5	5	3	1	...	1	...	...	...	29	5	...
139	Melrose.....	30	2	2	2	...	...	2	...	...	...	30	...	...
140	Big Valley.....	53	1	1	1	2	...	4	...	...	...	52	...	1
141	Efficiency.....	24	2	5	4	1	...	2	...	...	...	25	1	...
142	Ivanhoe.....	114	9	10	7	19	...	4	1	...	2	135	21	...
143	Jasper Park.....	90	6	6	8	...	...	...	1	1	3	91	1	...
144	Gratton.....	34	3	3	3	2	...	1	...	...	2	36	2	...
145	St. Alban's.....	49	1	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	1	49	...	...
146	Drumheller.....	54	6	6	6	2	...	1	1	...	...	60	6	...
147	Northland.....	26	2	2	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	28	2	...
148	Mayerthorpe.....	23	4	5	5	2	...	2	...	...	...	27	4	...
149	Rosebud.....	23	4	3	3	1	...	...	...	...	...	28	5	...
150	Donalda.....	21	...	...	1	2	...	1	...	...	...	22	1	...
151	Lochearn.....	43	3	4	7	2	...	1	...	...	...	47	4	...
152	Standard.....	20	4	4	4	1	...	1	...	...	1	23	3	...
153	Whitecourt.....	22	1	1	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	23	1	...
154	Waskatenau.....	10	5	5	5	1	...	...	...	...	1	15	5	...
156	Earl Haig.....	12	9	9	9	2	...	...	...	...	...	23	11	...
UD	Sharon.....	18	4	3	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	22	4	...
UD	Hythe.....	...	...	...	...	16	...	...	...	...	...	16	16	...
UD	Berry Creek.....	...	...	...	...	18	...	...	...	...	...	18	18	...
		13720	634	661	640	309	61	317	215	2	143	14047	472	145

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Ireland.....	Henry C. Shellard.....	Freemasons' Hall, Molesworth St., Dublin.
Italy.....	C. Negis.....	Casella Postale 443, Rome.
Kansas.....	Albert K. Wilson.....	Topeka.
Kentucky.....	Fred W. Hardwick.....	200 Shubert Bldg.
Louisiana.....	John A. Davilla.....	Masonic Temple, New Orleans.
Maine.....	Chas. B. Davis.....	Masonic Temple, Portland.
Manitoba.....	James A. Ovas.....	Winnipeg.
Maryland.....	George Cook.....	Masonic Temple, Baltimore.
Massachusetts.....	F. W. Hamilton.....	Boston.
Mexico (York G.L.).....	A. Percival Hughes.....	Mexico City.
Michigan.....	Lou B. Winsor.....	Masonic Temple, Grand Rapids.
Minnesota.....	John Fishel.....	St. Paul.
Mississippi.....	Edward L. Faucette.....	Meridian.
Missouri.....	Arthur Mather.....	Masonic Temple, 3681 Lindell Blvd., St. [Louis
Montana.....	Luther T. Hauberg.....	Box 896, Helena.
Nebraska.....	Lewis E. Smith.....	401 Masonic Temple, Omaha
Netherlands.....	A. F. L. Faubel.....	Hague.
Nevada.....	V. M. Henderson.....	Carson City.
New Brunswick.....	J. Twining Hartt.....	Ritchies' Building, St. John.
New Hampshire.....	H. M. Cheney.....	3 North Main St., Concord.
New Jersey.....	Isaac Cherry.....	Masonic Temple, Trenton.
New Mexico.....	Alpheus A. Keen.....	Albuquerque.
New South Wales.....	David Cunningham.....	Masonic Hall, Castlereagh St., Sydney.
New York.....	Robert J. Kenworthy.....	Masonic Hall, New York City.
New Zealand.....	Col. Geo. Barclay.....	P.O. Box 732 Dunedin.
North Carolina.....	John H. Anderson.....	Raleigh.
North Dakota.....	Walter L. Stockwell.....	Fargo.
Nova Scotia.....	James C. Jones.....	Freemasons' Hall, Halifax.
Ohio.....	Harry S. Johnson.....	E. 5th St., Masonic Temple, Cincinnati
Oklahoma.....	Wm. M. Anderson.....	Guthrie.
Oregon.....	D. R. Cheney.....	Masonic Temple, Portland
Pennsylvania.....	John A. Perry.....	Masonic Temple, Philadelphia.
Peru.....	Abelardo L. Montes.....	P.O. Box 587, Lima.
Philippine Islands.....	Newton C. Comfort.....	P.O. Box 990, Manila.
Porto Rico.....	Jose G. Torres.....	San Juan.
Prince Edward Island.....	Ernest Kemp.....	P.O. Box 104, Charlottetown.
Quebec.....	W. W. Williamson.....	P.O. Box 3172, Montreal.
Queensland.....	Chas. H. Harley.....	Masonic Hall, Alice Street, Brisbane.
Rhode Island.....	Harold L. McAuslan.....	Freemasons' Hall, Providence.
Saskatchewan.....	W. B. Tate.....	Box 254, Regina.
Scotland.....	T. G. Winning.....	Freemasons' Hall, 96 George St., Edinburgh
South Australia.....	Chas. R. J. Glover.....	Freemasons' Hall, Flinders St., Adelaide.
South Carolina.....	O. Frank Hart.....	Columbia.
South Dakota.....	George A. Pettigrew.....	Sioux Falls.
Sweden.....	Yngve G. Wisin.....	Stockholm.
Tasmania.....	W. H. Strutt.....	117 Macquarie Street, Hobart.
Tennessee.....	Stith M. Cain.....	Nashville.
Texas.....	W. B. Pearson.....	Waco.
Utah.....	S. H. Goodwin.....	Salt Lake City.
Vermont.....	Archie S. Harriman.....	Burlington.
Victoria.....	William Stewart.....	25 Collins Street, Melbourne.
Virginia.....	Jas. M. Clift.....	Masonic Temple, Richmond.
Washington.....	Horace W. Tyler.....	Tacoma.
West Australia.....	J. D. Stevenson.....	Perth.
West Virginia.....	Geo. S. Laidley.....	Charleston.
Wisconsin.....	Wm. F. Weiler.....	470 Van Buren St., Milwaukee.
Wyoming.....	Jos. M. Lowndes.....	Masonic Temple, Casper.

Elected at Its Foundation on the 12th Day of October, 1905, and Annually Thereafter

*Deceased.

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LIST OF LODGES BY MASONIC DISTRICTS

DISTRICT No. 1

D.D.G.M.—R. W. Bro. J. V. Follett (28)

No. 1	Bow River.....	Calgary
No. 5	Cascade.....	Banff
No. 9	Perfection.....	Calgary
No. 23	Calgary.....	Calgary
No. 28	Ashlar.....	Calgary
No. 36	Gleichen.....	Gleichen
No. 41	King Solomon.....	Cochrane
No. 53	Strathmore.....	Strathmore
No. 54	Mount Lebanon.....	Calgary
No. 59	King George.....	Calgary
No. 83	Zetland.....	Calgary
No. 87	Crescent.....	Calgary
No. 118	St. Mark's.....	Calgary
No. 124	Concord.....	Calgary
No. 134	Renfrew.....	Calgary

DISTRICT No. 2

D.D.G.M.—R. W. Bro. Wm. Raisbeck (57)

No. 2	Medicine Hat.....	Medicine Hat
No. 35	Mizpah.....	Medicine Hat
No. 55	Bassano.....	Bassano
No. 57	Grassy Lake.....	Grassy Lake
No. 64	Bow Island.....	Bow Island
No. 70	Quarry.....	Redcliff
No. 73	Brooks.....	Brooks
No. 85	Suffield.....	Suffield

DISTRICT No. 3

D.D.G.M.—R. W. Bro. Frank R. Falconer (71)

No. 7	Edmonton.....	Edmonton
No. 15	Wetaskiwin.....	Wetaskiwin
No. 34	Star of the West.....	Leduc
No. 51	Unity.....	Edmonton
No. 68	Edson.....	Edson
No. 71	Tawatinaw.....	Athabasca
No. 81	Commercial.....	Edmonton
No. 129	Meridian.....	Stony Plain
No. 143	Jasper Park.....	Jasper
No. 145	St. Alban's.....	St. Paul
No. 154	Waskatenau.....	Waskatenau

DISTRICT No. 4

D.D.G.M.—R. W. Bro. Duncan F. Chisholm (10)

No. 8	Innisfail	Innisfail
No. 10	Eureka	Lacombe
No. 12	Red Deer	Red Deer
No. 16	Mountain View	Olds
No. 18	Britannia	Ponoka
No. 20	Carstairs	Carstairs
No. 21	King Hiram	Didsbury
No. 29	Kenilworth	Red Deer
No. 42	Bowden	Bowden
No. 48	Crossfield	Crossfield
No. 95	Kitchener	Rimbey
No. 151	Locheearn	Rocky Mt. House

DISTRICT No. 5

D.D.G.M.—R. W. Bro. A. I. Millar (75)

No. 37	Camrose	Camrose
No. 43	Tuscan	Killam
No. 50	Comet	Hardisty
No. 61	Provost	Provost
No. 62	Coal	Bawlf
No. 75	Harmony	Sedgewick
No. 79	Morning Star	Lougheed
No. 80	Excelsior	Strome
No. 128	Forestburg	Forestburg
No. 135	Alliance	Alliance
No. 139	Melrose	Daysland
No. 141	Efficiency	Hughenden

DISTRICT No. 6

D.D.G.M.—R. W. Bro. Murdoch R. Matheson (40)

No. 17	Nanton	Nanton
No. 19	Cornerstone	High River
No. 22	Corinthian	Okotoks
No. 32	Cairo	Claresholm
No. 33	Stavely	Stavely
No. 40	Joppa	Granum

DISTRICT No. 7

D.D.G.M.—R. W. Bro. Robert Douglas (4)

No. 4	North Star	Lethbridge
No. 31	Doric	Taber
No. 39	Lethbridge	Lethbridge
No. 65	Diamond City	Coalhurst
No. 67	Charity	Lethbridge
No. 100	Verdigris	Milk River
No. 103	Foremost	Foremost
No. 119	York	Lethbridge
No. 133	Manyberries	Manyberries
U.D.	Sharon	Iron Springs

DISTRICT No. 8

D.D.G.M.—R. W. Bro. R. W. Harold Pinkney (86)

No. 3	Alberta	Macleod
No. 6	Spitzie	Pincher Creek
No. 26	Sentinel	Hillcrest
No. 30	Summit	Coleman
No. 47	Chinook	Cowley
No. 58	Chief Mountain	Cardston
No. 86	Rocky Mountain	Blairmore

DISTRICT No. 9

D.D.G.M.—R. W. Bro. Athelstan Grace (120)

No. 27	Apollo	Stettler
No. 45	Ionic	Alix
No. 56	Beaver	Castor
No. 72	Coronation	Coronation
No. 120	Monitor	Monitor
No. 121	Clive	Clive
No. 122	Rising Sun	Gadsby
No. 140	Big Valley	Big Valley
No. 150	Donalda	Donalda

DISTRICT No. 10

D.D.G.M.—R. W. Bro. H. P. Long (24)

No. 11	Acacia	Edmonton
No. 13	Victoria	Ft. Saskatchewan
No. 24	Vermilion	Vermilion
No. 25	St. John's	Vegreville
No. 38	Hope	Mannville
No. 63	Empire	Edmonton
No. 90	Norwood	Edmonton
No. 94	Lamont	Lamont
No. 110	Kilwinning	Minburn
No. 117	Dominion	Edmonton
No. 131	Kitscoty	Kitscoty

DISTRICT No. 11

D.D.G.M.—R. W. Bro. Daniel McNiven (127)

No. 49	Robert Burns	Carmangay
No. 74	Vulcan	Vulcan
No. 84	Champion	Champion
No. 108	Pyramid	Lomond
No. 111	Nobleford	Nobleford
No. 127	Granite	Blackie
No. 136	Cresset	Barons

DISTRICT No. 12

D.D.G.M.—R. W. Bro. Farmer H. Steele (114)

No. 14	Jasper	Edmonton
No. 77	Strathcona	Edmonton
No. 91	Patricia	Edmonton
No. 92	Saskatchewan	Edmonton
No. 101	West Edmonton	Edmonton
No. 114	Westlock	Westlock
No. 126	Pembina	Sanguo

No. 138	Onoway.....	Onoway
No. 142	Ivanhoe.....	Edmonton
No. 148	Mayerthorpe.....	Mayerthorpe
No. 153	Whitecourt..	Whitecourt
No. 155	Earl Haig...	Barrhead

DISTRICT No. 13

D.D.G.M.—R. W. Bro. Chas. S. Spaulding (88)

No. 88	Wahpun.....	High Prairie
No. 79	Peace River..	Peace River
No. 105	Grande Prairie..	Grande Prairie
No. 106	Lake Saskatoon..	Wembley
No. 116	Spirit River..	Spirit River
No. 147	Northland.....	Fairview
No. 156	Hythe.....	Hythe

DISTRICT No. 14

D.D.G.M.—R. W. Bro. Peter A. Davie (82)

No. 78	Hanna.....	Hanna
No. 82	Acadia.....	Youngstown
No. 98	Hand Hill.....	Delia
No. 104	Oyen.....	Oyen
No. 115	Crocus.....	Chinook
No. 132	Craigmyle.....	Craigmyle
U.D.	Berry Creek.....	Pollockville

DISTRICT No. 15

D.D.G.M.—R. W. Bro. Lynn Wilson (76)

No. 60	Acme.....	Acme
No. 66	St. Andrew's.....	Trochu
No. 76	Fidelity.....	Bashaw
No. 109	Ancient Landmark..	Mirror
No. 113	Cyprus.....	Three Hills
No. 125	Cavell.....	Delburne
No. 137	Irricana.....	Irricana

DISTRICT No. 16

D.D.G.M.—R. W. Bro. Emil W. Pust (123)

No. 93	Symbol.....	Drumheller
No. 107	Carbon.....	Carbon
No. 123	Rockyford..	Rockyford
No. 130	Hussar.....	Hussar
No. 146	Drumheller.....	Drumheller
No. 149	Rosebud.....	Rosebud
No. 152	Standard.....	Standard

DISTRICT No. 17

D.D.G.M.—R. W. Bro. Pryce Jones (144)

No. 44	Buffalo Park.....	Wainwright
No. 46	Palestine.....	Tofield
No. 69	Connaught..	Viking
No. 96	Dynamic.....	Holden
No. 97	Albion.....	Ribstone
No. 102	Edgerton.....	Edgerton
No. 112	Victory.....	Jarrow
No. 144	Gratton.....	Irma

RULINGS OF GRAND MASTERS

1. Question: In case of a Masonic trial can the Worshipful Master of a lodge act as counsel for the defence of the accused?

Answer: No. Proceedings, 1909.

2. Question: Has a lodge the power to levy special assessment on members besides their regular annual dues, and to suspend members for the non-payment of such assessment if they pay their regular annual dues?

Answer: The constitution makes no provision for suspension except for non-payment of dues and for unmasonic conduct. While lodges may agree to assess themselves for any worthy cause, they cannot suspend the delinquent for the above mentioned cause.
Proceedings, 1916.

3. Question: Is a person eligible to become a member of a Masonic lodge by initiation, who has lost the four fingers of his left hand at the third joint, leaving the hand and thumb intact?

Answer: Yes: Proceedings, 1916.

4. Question: Is a returned soldier eligible for initiation into the order who has lost his left arm at the shoulder?

Answer: If you have a worthy petitioner, who has lost his left arm, but who is supplied with an artificial one so that he can comply with the requirements of the work, I would favor his acceptance into Masonry.
Proceedings, 1916.

5. Question: Has a lodge the power to withhold a Grand Lodge certificate from a newly raised brother until he passes a satisfactory examination in the third degree?

Answer: No. Proceedings, 1916.

6. Question: Can a dispensation be granted whereby the degree of Past Master might be conferred as an honor upon a brother as a recognition of faithful service?

Answer: It is not within the power of the Grand Master to grant a dispensation to confer the Past Master's Degree (honoris causa) on any brother, however worthy he may be. The brother can only rank as Past Master after having been elected to and faithfully performed the duties of Master of a craft lodge.
Proceedings, 1916.

7. Question: Can post cards be used for lodge notices?

Answer: All notices must be sent in sealed envelopes.
Proceedings, 1918.

8. A lodge cannot refuse to consider applications for membership for any stated period. An application in proper form recommended by two brethren and received by the secretary of the lodge must take its usual course. Proceedings, 1920.
9. A lodge under dispensation cannot grant a dimit to one of its members. Proceedings, 1920.
10. An Entered Apprentice cannot purchase life membership in a lodge. Proceedings, 1920.
11. Refused to grant publication of a Masonic Directory of the Province of Alberta for general distribution amongst members of the craft. Proceedings, 1922.
12. The Worshipful Master of a lodge has always right of access to the secretary's books, and is responsible to Grand Lodge for their condition. Proceedings, 1922.
13. Refused to sanction the organization of a Masonic Club at a town where no lodge was in existence. Proceedings, 1922.
14. Question: Is a lodge entitled to a refund from Grand Lodge of dues paid on account of brethren who were granted their dimits by the lodge five years prior to the receipt of application for refund by Grand Lodge, but of which no report had been forwarded to the Grand Secretary in the meantime?

Answer: Inasmuch as the semi-annual returns are expected to contain an accurate statement of the work and business done by the lodge during the term, and that these returns are certified to by the Master and Secretary of the lodge under the seal of the same, and are accepted by Grand Lodge as being accurate, as they have no other means of obtaining this information, the lodge is not entitled to a refund under these circumstances.

Proceedings, 1925.

15. Question: What is the standing of an applicant for affiliation who was accepted into membership without the usual certificate of standing or dimit accompanying his application?

Answer: An applicant admitted under these circumstances is admitted irregularly and therefore could not be considered a member. Proceedings, 1925.

16. Question: Is a ballot, which was taken in September of last year, in accordance with the requirements of our constitution as prior to June 12th, regular, the W.M. not being aware of any change in the constitution?

Answer: Inasmuch as the ballot was taken in accordance with the constitution as understood by the W.M. at the time of balloting, it should stand as taken.

Proceedings, 1925.

17. Question: Is a brother who has received the Past Master's degree in a Royal Arch Chapter entitled to be present while the Installed Master's degree is being conferred upon the W.M. elect?

Answer: A lodge under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Alberta can recognize only those degrees which have been conferred by lodges under this jurisdiction or, as is expressly provided for by our constitution, by lodges under some other Grand Jurisdiction recognized by this Grand Jurisdiction. In no case will this Grand Jurisdiction admit to participation in its degrees a person who has received such degrees in a Royal Arch Chapter or in any other body conferring other than the first three degrees of Masonry. There are other reasons which cannot be fully explained, inherent in the degree of Installed Master, which would not permit of a brother being present who was not either a Past Master or one duly elected to that office. It was therefore ruled that the brother was not entitled to sit in lodge while the Installed Master's degree was being conferred. Proceedings, 1925.

18. Question: What is the status of a brother who was formerly a member of a lodge in this jurisdiction which surrendered its charter?

Answer: All members of a lodge who are in good standing at the date of the surrender of its charter and whose dues have been paid in full are entitled to and shall receive from the Grand Secretary a certificate of that fact, which certificate shall have the same effect as a dimit issued by an existing lodge. Proceedings, 1925.

19. Question: May the first degree be conferred by a lodge other than that in which the candidate was accepted?

Answer: No. The lodge accepting the applicant must confer at least the first degree. Proceedings, 1925.

20. Question: Is a brother eligible for affiliation who holds a dimit and resides outside this Grand Jurisdiction?

Answer: Yes. His place of residence does not apply in case of affiliation. Proceedings, 1925.

21. Question: Is it correct or permissible to receive written nominations as is the custom at Grand Lodge elections?

Answer: Yes. Proceedings, 1925.

22. Question: Can a Worshipful Master order a regularly put and carried resolution to be expunged from the minute book without a further resolution giving consent of his lodge?

Answer: No. Proceedings, 1929.

23. Question: Can a lodge ballot on a petitioner without his name and other particulars being first spread on the lodge notice?

Answer: No, regardless of any necessity for speedy action. Proceedings, 1929.



Masonic Temple, Twelfth Avenue West, Calgary

Masonic Temple, Calgary

These pages show some views of the Masonic Temple, Calgary, on Twelfth Avenue West, opposite Memorial Park.

The first sod was turned by His Worship the Mayor, Bro. F. E. Osborne, on May the 14th, 1928, the Foundation Stone was laid on June the 13th, 1928, by M. W. Bro. George E. Cruickshank, then Grand Master, and dedicated on December the 28th, 1928, by M. W. Bro. Alexander M. Mitchell, Grand Master.

The building is owned and operated by a Board of Directors by the following lodges:

Bow River, No. 1; Perfection, No. 9; Calgary, No. 23; Ashlar, No. 28; Mount Lebanon, No. 54; Zetland, No. 83; Concord, No. 124; Renfrew, No. 134.

Other bodies meeting in the building are: Alberta Chapter, No. 1; Otuskwan Chapter, No. 9, R.A.M.; Cyprus Preceptory No. 33, K.T. and K.M.; Calgary Lodge of Perfection and Delta Chapter of Rose Croix of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite.

The Grand Lodge Offices and Library are located on the Mezzanine Floor.

Calgary is now in an excellent position as a Masonic meeting place. In addition to the Temple described, there are three other Temples as follows: In Hillhurst, owned by King George Lodge, No. 59; in Crescent Heights, owned by Crescent Lodge, No. 87; and in South Calgary, owned by St. Mark's Lodge, No. 118, all of them good substantial buildings.

The completion of this very fine edifice marks the progress of the Craft in Calgary. Their first lodge, Bow River, No. 1 (formerly No. 28, under the Grand Lodge of Manitoba), was an old log building on Ninth Avenue East, on the Elbow River,



Masonic Temple, Calgary—The Red Room



Masonic Temple, Calgary—Craft Lodge Room

in 1884; followed in succession by the building on Eighth Avenue East by the Queen's Hotel; then in the old Victoria block, and finally, in the well appointed lodge room of Perfection Lodge, No. 9, in the Alexander Corner on Eighth Avenue and First Street West.

The building contains two lodge rooms, the one on the ground floor is used exclusively by the eight Craft Lodges, the lodge room on the upper floor being occupied by the other bodies. The building also contains two Banquet Rooms, one on the top floor and a large one in the basement, which has a stage at one end. Adjoining this is a well furnished kitchen, from which all banquets are served. There is a card room and billiard room on this floor.

The large Banquet Hall also makes a very fine ballroom, and on the first floor, in addition to the usual ante-rooms, there is a comfortably furnished reading room, well supplied with periodicals, also the office of the Temple management. The building is of modern construction and fireproof throughout.



REPORT

of the

COMMITTEE ON FRATERNAL CORRESPONDENCE

F. S. Selwood, P.G.M., Chairman

To the M. W. the Grand Master, Officers and Members
of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

Brethren:

Following the practice of some years, this report is a symposium of the efforts of the members of the Committee, consisting of the Chairman and M. W. Bro. A. M. Mitchell, P.G.M., M. W. Bro. H. C. Taylor, P.G.M., M. W. Bro. E. T. Bishop, P.G.M., M. W. Bro. J. H. W. S. Kemmis, P.G.M., R. W. Bro. C. V. Bennett, P.D.D.G.M., R. W. Bro. V. H. Macaulay, P.D.D.G.M, and R. W. Bro. William Ireland.

The Chairman desires to express his continued appreciation of the valued assistance rendered by the other members of this Committee coupled with keen regret that, on his part, he has not been able to make any considerable contribution to the labours of the Committee.

The chief problem in many jurisdictions is the tendency of lodges to embark on the erection of ambitious Masonic Temples without adequate financial resources, with the result that the benevolent and educational activities of the lodge are crippled and rendered less effective than is to be desired.

Progress is being made every year in the educational policies and programmes of most jurisdictions.

The Committee again desires to acknowledge kindly and fraternal references that appear in the reviews of other Grand Jurisdictions of this Grand Lodge and regret that owing to an unfortunate combination of circumstances, we have to omit reviews of many Grand Jurisdictions reviews of whose Proceedings have regularly appeared in our preceding reports of this Committee, but shall endeavor to remedy this in our next annual review.

Following is a list of the jurisdictions whose Proceedings are reviewed:

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| 1. Alabama | 27. New Mexico |
| 2. Arizona | 28. New South Wales |
| 3. Arkansas | 29. North Carolina |
| 4. British Columbia | 30. North Dakota |
| 5. Canada in Ontario | 31. Nova Scotia |
| 6. Colorado | 32. Ohio |
| 7. Delaware | 33. Oregon |
| 8. District of Columbia | 34. Prince Edward Island |
| 9. England | 35. Quebec. |
| 10. Florida | 36. Rhode Island |
| 11. Georgia | 37. Saskatchewan |
| 12. Idaho | 38. Scotland |
| 13. Ireland | 39. South Australia |
| 14. Kansas | 40. South Carolina |
| 15. Louisiana | 41. South Dakota |
| 16. Maine | 42. Tasmania |
| 17. Manitoba | 43. Tennessee |
| 18. Maryland | 44. Texas |
| 19. Minnesota | 45. Utah |
| 20. Mississippi | 46. Vermont |
| 21. Missouri | 47. Virginia |
| 22. Montana | 48. West Virginia |
| 23. Nebraska | 49. Washington |
| 24. Nevada | 50. Western Australia |
| 25. New Brunswick | 51. Wyoming |
| 26. New Hampshire | |

Fraternally submitted,

F. S. SELWOOD,

Chairman.

ALABAMA

The Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of Alabama met for the One Hundred and Ninth Annual Communication in Montgomery on December 3rd and 4th, 1929. Among the many distinguished visitors received were several dignitaries of other walks of Masonry within the State. Alberta was duly represented by Brother Steiner.

On perusing the address of M. W. Bro. James N. Pearson, Grand Master, and learning that he is a schoolmaster by profession, we were not surprised to find that he is urging the members of the Craft to take more interest in schools and education. As Grand Master, he acted as a member of a public state-wide committee whose aim was to improve the public schools. There is no doubt of the relationship of Masonry to "more light," and the most active supporters of better education should be Masons, but tradition seems to say that it must be as individuals that we offer our co-operation.

An apparent net loss in membership of 1500 faces the Grand Lodge in the current year, which is precipitating somewhat of a financial crisis owing to the fact that only 34.9 per cent of the quota to the George Washington Memorial has been paid and with annually mounting costs to maintain the Home. The only step taken to meet the situation seems to have been a levy of \$1.00 against each initiate towards the Washington fund.

The Grand Master reports issuing a dispensation authorizing a lodge to "sell the lot and the first story of the lodge building erected thereon, retaining the second story and stairway leading to same." It may be legal to dispose of property that way, we do not know, but it would seem as though someone would be pretty well "up in the air" if it was decided to move the downstairs part. Dispensations were refused to lay corner-stones of an office building, a church on Sunday and a building after the wall had been built over the corner.

Referring to courtesy work, a resolution was adopted whereby no such work can be conferred until the parent lodge has collected the fees.

The Home is filled to capacity and of those applicants unable to gain admission the Grand Master says, "We have rendered assistance to about 160 persons during the year, thus enabling families to remain together in their own private homes, and at a much less cost to the Grand Lodge than would have been possible if they had been placed in the Home." Alberta entirely follows this method of caring for the needy and is more than satisfied with its working.

No action was taken to recognize the York Grand Lodge of Mexico or the Grand Orient of Roumania.

The Correspondence report is submitted by Bro. W. B. Clemmons. Alberta proceedings of 1928 are generously reviewed.

V.H.M.

ARIZONA

Forty-seventh Annual Communication held at Prescott, February 12th to 14th, 1929.

In the Grand East, M. W. Bro. Lloyd Chamberlain Henning, Grand Master.

Alberta was represented by W. Bro. Alexander McDonald.

The passing of the Grand Secretary, M. W. Bro. George James Roskrue, is mentioned with sympathy and a short outline of a remarkable Masonic career.

The Grand Master's address is a lengthy catalogue of his year's work but the work is mostly of local interest. Echoes of the contact between Arizona and Mexico come through but apparently our brethren of the Southern state are adept at maintaining harmony and all goes well.

A new uniform code of By-Laws for Lodges appears in full.

An oration by W. Bro. Louis Albert Myers, Grand Orator, "Freemasonry and Today," appears in full. The underlying theme is an appeal to put Masonic profession into constructive action and W. Bro. Myers makes many pointed statements and, if we may say so, is an adept in the use of apt quotation.

There are voluminous statistical tables all showing that affairs in Arizona are in excellent shape.

There is no report on Foreign Correspondence.

Next Annual Communication to be held at Douglas on February 11th, 1930.

Grand Master, William T. MacDonald, Douglas.

Grand Secretary, Harry A. Drachman, Tucson.

A. M. M.

ARKANSAS

The Eighty-eighth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Arkansas was held in the City of Little Rock, on Tuesday, the 19th November, 1929, with M. W. Bro. Hamp Williams, Grand Master, presiding.

The Grand Master upon assuming office proceeded to obtain a proper perspective of his position and sent out a New Year's Greeting to his lodges in the form of 16 questions bearing on the teaching and observance of the principles of Masonry. Each lodge was asked to pass a resolution endorsing these points and some 400 lodges responded. There can be no doubt but that the observance of these points would make us better men and Masons.

During the year the Grand Lodge sustained a loss in the death of M. W. Bro. Louis Baurlein, a Past Grand Master.

Recognition of the Grand Orient of Roumania was extended and an exchange of Representatives ordered.

Something of an innovation was made when the Grand Master appointed a special committee to award six prizes to the best reports submitted by the District Deputies.

The Grand Master sees some necessity for Grand Lodge doing something for the constituent lodges, which they will not have to pay for. In other words he wants Grand Lodge to engage a full-time Lecturer to devote his time going around the lodges and encourage the brethren in Masonic Education.

The Grand Representatives were received and welcomed by the Grand Master and reply was made by Bro. John Lindahl, Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of Sweden, who related particulars of a visit paid by him to the Grand Lodge of Sweden.

The report of the Special Committee to consider the subject of the establishment of a Home for Widows and Aged Masons shows that while they spent a considerable amount of time investigating the matter the subordinate lodges when circularized on the subject displayed considerable apathy, less than 10 per cent answering the questionnaire. This may be explained by the fact that Arkansas already maintains an Orphans' Home and that that is sufficient for the time being.

An address was delivered by the Grand Orator R. W. Bro. W. H. Donham on the Corner Stone. While its purport is principally applicable to the United States it offers very interesting reading.

While no report was presented from the Committee on Foreign Relations and no reviews presented, we note the announcement of the appointment of Bro. Clarence Webb as a Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

M. W. Bro. G. A. Warren, Grand Master.

R. W. Bro. Fay Hempstead, Grand Secretary.

Membership 38,379.

W. I.

BRITISH COLUMBIA

The Annual Communication of the M. W. Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of British Columbia was opened in the City of Victoria on Thursday, the 20th day of June, 1930.

There were present 19 Past Grand Masters and 43 representatives of other Grand Jurisdictions. W. Bro. Greer, the representative of Alberta, was not present.

During the year there were six emergent communications of Grand Lodge; three corner-stones were laid, a new lodge constituted, a new Temple dedicated and one for the disciplining of certain members of a lodge whose charter had been arrested.

There is on the first page a portrait of the Grand Master, M. W. Bro. Robert Baird.

In opening his address the Grand Master says,—“It is a great pleasure for me at the end of a very happy year to welcome you to the Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge and that pleasure is naturally increased by the fact that I have the opportunity of welcoming you once more to the City of Victoria and as a citizen of Victoria to add to the assurance that will be given to you on every hand that the utmost of our hospitality is extended to you.”

Judging from what follows in his address we are of the opinion that the Grand Master had a very busy year. He visited 38 lodges including those in Dawson, White Horse and Atlin. It had been 16 years since the Yukon lodges had been visited by an elected representative of Grand Lodge. Most of his visits were to what might be called the outlying lodges. The Grand Master is to be highly commended for his work in visiting. Only those who have lived on the outskirts know the great pleasure to be gotten out of a visit from the Grand Master. Think what it means to have a visit from the Grand Master when it had been 16 years since the last. Two visits in a generation.

He says he finds everywhere throughout the jurisdiction the spirit of earnestness and of enquiry regarding the Order. “Free-masonry is today, as always, most deeply concerned with the questions of why the Order continues to exist and prosper and what it is accomplishing. We make no attempt to parade before the world either our philosophy or our good deeds. We are not seeking the applause of the multitude, but our work should be none the less effective by reason of the fact that it is carried on quietly and unostentatiously. If we practice the virtues which we extol in our philosophy; if we instil into our thousands of initiates those lessons of peace, goodwill and toleration; of reliance on God, and confidence in man, our work is truly not in vain.”

The Grand Master granted two dispensations to form new lodges, 15 to lodges to attend Divine Service in regalia and 20 to elect or install officers out of time.

The Grand Master urges the necessity of keeping constantly before the members the opportunity afforded them through the benevolent fund of joining in the good work of bringing at least a measure of happiness to those who have been unfortunate.

The address is short. It consists mostly of a record of his acts during the year. If we should attempt to criticise it we would say that

it is a little too short and business-like. We would judge Grand Master Baird to be a man of action rather than of words. He might have given a much more extended account of his visit to the Yukon. We feel sure he could give a very interesting story of what Freemasonry is doing in that far-off land. He states that during the year he was not called upon to make a single ruling.

The Committee on the Grand Master's Address congratulated him on this and as they say "we take the liberty of presenting to our Most Worshipful Grand Master a silk hat as a token of felicitation at this very unusual experience in the history of Grand Lodge."

We have heard of presenting a pair of white gloves to the presiding Judge on the opening of the Court, when there were no criminal cases on the docket, but this is the first time that we have met with the presentation of a silk hat to a Grand Master when he had no rulings to make during the year. We confess that we rather like the idea. Perhaps if it became general among the Grand Jurisdictions we would have less rulings, which is rather to be desired. We suspect that the Chairman of the Committee, M. W. Bro. Burd, had something to do with the originating and carrying out of the idea.

The reports of the District Deputy Grand Masters are optimistic and show that most of the lodges are in a healthy condition.

A Worshipful Brother, in a letter to the Grand Secretary, asks what the law is in British Columbia regarding the rank of Past Master from other jurisdictions. He says that there is an arrangement in the Grand Lodges of England, Scotland and Ireland whereby a Past Master from one jurisdiction is recognized by the others; but that a Past Master from British Columbia, and we presume the same would apply to the other jurisdictions in Canada, can only get the rank by a dispensation from the Grand Lodge at the request of his new lodge. He suggests that the Grand Lodge of British Columbia might make an agreement with the Grand Lodges of England, Scotland and Ireland similar to what they have among themselves. The matter was referred to the incoming Grand Master to take up with the representatives of the Grand Lodges of England, Scotland and Ireland.

The Report on Foreign Correspondence is written by R. W. Bro. W. A. DeWolf-Smith, the Grand Secretary. His review covers 147 pages. We congratulate him on his work. He gives a most interesting and instructive account of what the other Grand Jurisdictions are doing. A gift which few have. We fully agree with him in his review of the Alberta Proceedings in calling certain motions quoted by him "curiosities." Somebody had a brain storm.

Number of Lodges, 112. Members, 15,170. Gain in membership, 258.

Robie L. Reid was elected M. W. Grand Master.

Dr. W. A. DeWolf-Smith was re-elected R. W. Grand Secretary.

H.C.T.

CANADA IN ONTARIO

1929

The Grand Lodge of Canada in the Province of Ontario, Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons, held their seventy-fourth Annual Commu-

ication in the City of Ottawa, commencing on Wednesday, July 17th, 1929.

Owing to the illness of the Grand Master, The Hon. John S. Martin, R. W. Bro. R. B. Dargavel, the Deputy Grand Master, presided. There were three Past Grand Masters present as well as 28 representatives of other Grand Jurisdictions. M. W. Bro. A. J. Young, our representative, was among these.

A cordial welcome was extended to the members of Grand Lodge by the Mayor of the City of Ottawa. The Acting Grand Master thanked his Worship for his kindly words and expressed the gratitude of the members for the many kindnesses and evidences of hospitality already received.

The distinguished guests, introduced by M. W. Bro. W. H. Ward-robe, were M. W. Bros. Henry Willis, Grand Master and W. W. Williamson, P.G.M., Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Quebec; George R. Sturges, Grand Master, and Winthrop Buck, Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Connecticut; H. C. Taylor, P.G.M., of the Grand Lodge of Alberta; R. W. Bro. Edwin Smith, Grand First Principal of the Grand Chapter of Canada, and R. W. Bro. Alfred F. Webster, Sovereign Grand Commander of the Supreme Council, A. & A. S. Rite for the Dominion of Canada. Later M. W. Bros. R. O. Bonisteel, Grand Master, and Lou B. Windsor, P.G.M., Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Michigan, were welcomed.

A message of sympathy and good wishes for a speedy recovery was sent to the Grand Master. Another message of regret at his absence was sent to M. W. Bro. F. W. Harcourt, P.G.M.

A welcome was extended to the Grand Lodge by a deputation of the Masters of all the lodges in the Ottawa District, twenty-seven in number.

The Address of the Grand Master was read by the Deputy Grand Master who was acting Grand Master. In opening his address the Grand Master traces briefly the history of the City of Ottawa. "Ottawa is more than a place, it is the symbol of a Nation." He says that during the year his visits were many and all pleasant. He met with a most enthusiastic reception wherever he went. Especially was this the case in Northern Ontario. On this visit to the North he travelled two thousand miles and the trip was "replete with interest and wonderful associations." Everywhere he was "greeted with warm enthusiasm and a fraternal feeling which amply demonstrated the strength of Masonry in the North." Without exception he found the lodges in a flourishing condition.

The Grand Lodge suffered severely during the year in the loss by death of some very prominent Masons. Two Past Grand Masters, Sir John M. Gibson and Hon. Wm. D. McPherson, and twenty-seven other Past Grand Officers.

The Grand Master says that he issued the usual number of dispensations, granting changes in lodge meeting dates, special functions and church services. He was pleased that the Grand Lodge last year approved of his recommendation of not charging a fee for dispensations to hold divine services. This is somewhat different from the attitude taken by our Grand Lodge of Alberta. At the communication of 1929 a resolution was passed requesting the Grand Master to issue no dispensations for church services. While the Constitution has not been changed and the Grand Master still has the right to issue such if he wishes he is hardly likely to do so. Personally we feel this is a step backward.

The Grand Lodge has in its general fund \$372,000.00 and in its semi-centennial fund \$107,000.00, a total of \$479,000.00, an increase for the year of \$12,000.00.

In dealing with dimits and suspensions he says, "The only problem that confronts us, and it must be admitted it is a serious one, is the great loss suffered each year through dimits and suspensions for N.P.D." and "It is a time for action and not for words, all the advice and admonitions may be condensed into a brief sentence—That our losses come from the wholly inadequate attention that is given in keeping our membership interested in Freemasonry."

He then first appeals to the Masters of the lodges and urges a more intensive Masonic study and teaching so that the brethren may learn of our history and traditions, master its symbolism and become familiar with the workings of the Craft so as to realize Freemasonry as a living vital force in the community and nation. He appeals to the District Deputies and suggests that they make a closer study and review of the conditions of the lodges where dimits and suspensions are frequent. He also appeals to the Past Masters' Associations and finally to all to realize the responsibility of bringing men into the Craft and the duty that devolves upon all to assimilate these men of different occupations and attainments to a common aim and a common purpose—"to live and act according to the teachings of the Craft, inspired by the exalted spirit of service and self-sacrifice on behalf of humanity's need and to find in the problems of today new fields of effort and endeavor."

He also urges that something more definite and constructive should be accomplished in the line of Masonic Education. He asks,— "What is the right line of education? Of what shall it consist? How shall it be applied and administered? What shall be its immediate and ultimate objectives? These are legitimate questions of great importance which many Grand Lodges are trying to answer in the present day and which I think we cannot ignore. The question to my mind is of sufficient importance to deserve the consideration of a strong committee and I so recommend."

Two special grants of \$1,000.00 each were made to the Welsh Miners' Fund and to the Masons of Porto Rico when that Island was visited by a devastating storm and flood.

In connection with the seventy-fifth anniversary, which occurs in 1930, the Grand Master suggests that proper recognition be taken of the long and faithful services of their Grand Treasurer, M. W. Bro. E. T. Malone, P.G.M., who for half a century has been a member and constant attendant at Grand Lodge. Bro. Malone has also had the task of instructing the newly elected District Deputies. He recommends a special committee to arrange a fitting and suitable testimonial. Good progress is being made in raising the memorial fund to mark this seventy-fifth birthday. There has been collected so far the sum of \$134,000.00.

The Grand Master concludes his most interesting, eloquent and instructive address with a plea for Masons to take their proper place in the preservation of Peace and for the uplifting of humanity.

The reports of the District Deputies are exceptionally well written. In most of such reports the prominent place is given to a description of the banquet. In fact there seems to be little else than a procession of banquets. By reading these, however, one gets a good knowledge of the workings of the subordinate lodges.

The Special Committee on the celebration of the seventy-fifth anniversary reported progress. Invitations to send representatives had been sent to the Grand Lodges of England, Scotland and Ireland and to those in the sister Provinces and neighboring States. The history of the Grand Lodge from 1858 to the present would be completed in time and the objective of the Memorial Fund, \$250,000.00, would be reached as a very substantial sum had already been collected.

As usual with this Grand Jurisdiction, the Report of the Committee on the Condition of Masonry is most excellent. R. W. Bro. Herrington has the happy faculty of writing reports that are essays, or shall we say theses. We are greatly tempted to quote the definition of a Model Master as defined by the first Grand Master of Canada, M. W. Bro. William Mercer Wilson, in his address at the Annual Communication in 1858.

M. W. Bro. W. N. Ponton gave notice of a motion that he will move at the next Annual Communication to change the date of the Annual Meeting from July to May, such date in May to be fixed by the Board of General Purposes.

In the Report on Fraternal Correspondence, M. W. Bro. Ponton gives us 268 pages of most interesting reading. He covers 64 Grand Jurisdictions. Alberta is fully and favorably reviewed. We look upon Canada as our Grandmother, for are we not the offspring of her daughter Manitoba? We in 1930 celebrate our twenty-fifth birthday as does Canada her seventy-fifth.

Number of lodges, 564. Number of members December 31st, 1928, 114,237. Gain for the year, 1,836.

Roderick B. Dargavel was elected M. W. Grand Master.

William L. Logan was re-elected R. W. Grand Secretary.

H.C.T.

COLORADO

Sixty-ninth Annual Communication held at Denver on September 17th and 18th, 1929.

Bro. I. Ernest Newsom, Grand Master.

Bro. William W. Cooper, Grand Secretary.

148 lodges. 33,610 members. Gain, 346.

Eight Special Communications were held during the year; five corner stones laid.

Alberta's representative, Bro. William S. Pickerill, answered the roll call.

The Grand Master was called upon during his term of office for a large number of decisions, all of which were approved, two with slight reservations.

An account of the Grand Masters' Conference was given by the Grand Master. One of the subjects giving concern to Masonry is

the number of new organizations that predicate their membership on Free Masonry. The feeling is so strong in Pennsylvania that the Grand Lodge has passed a resolution making it unlawful for members of the lodges in that jurisdiction to become associated with or in any way identified with any organization hereafter to be established which requires Masonic affiliation as a condition to membership therein, unless authority for the creation of such an organization shall be previously obtained from the Grand Lodge. Apparently it is being found that in many instances these organizations were, by the divided allegiance resulting therefrom, sapping the life and interest from many of the lodges.

The George Washington National Memorial climbs slowly upwards. Approximately \$3,000,000.00 have been spent to date, and about \$2,000,000.00 will be required to complete the Memorial. It is planned to have this done by February 22, 1932, this being the 200th Anniversary of the birth of Washington. Colorado is slightly behind in her quota, and the lodges were urged to make the necessary grant.

A growing tendency for subordinate lodges to build Temples beyond their capacity to pay has been observed in many jurisdictions.

A dispensation for two lodges to attend church in a body was refused.

The Grand Treasurer reported \$34,849.18 on hand.

The Review of the Proceedings of Grand Lodges is in the hand of a Committee composed of Bros. Stanley C. Warner, Clarence A. Harris and Leonard E. Bartz, the first named being Chairman. Fifty-seven Grand Lodges are reviewed by the Chairman. Alberta is duly noted.

C.V.B.

DELAWARE

The 124th Annual Communication was held in the City of Wilmington on October 2, 1929. M. W. Bro. J. Bayard Hearn, Grand Master, presided.

Sixteen Past Grand Masters and a large number of Past Grand Officers were present. Alberta was not represented.

The Grand Master laid seven corner stones with Masonic ceremonies during the year. On two of these occasions, two corner stones of two separate buildings were laid at one Emergent Communication of Grand Lodge. All but one were for public schools and at each function practically all of the Grand Lodge officers were present.

The Grand Master visited officially 19 of the 22 lodges in his jurisdiction with a number of his officers. He also attended the Conference of Grand Masters held in Washington and many things of importance to the Craft were discussed. This conference has no legislative powers but the minutes of their meetings should be of considerable value to the Grand Lodges represented.

Grand Lodge passed a strong resolution in support of world peace and reduction of armaments, ordering a copy to be sent to President Hoover.

Their Masonic Home Report draws attention to the fact that the capacity of the home has been reached, all the rooms are occupied and they must now have a waiting list, unless lodge committees will make it a point to try and find homes for applicants with their relatives, instead of placing them in the care of the Masonic Institution. There is no doubt that the growing demands on Masonic Homes, wherever situated, constitute a heavy drain on their resources, entailing much anxiety to those responsible for the successful conduct of these institutions. In Delaware the total investment is \$227,663.33, which maintains 29 guests in the home and one outside.

Several Lodges of Instruction were held in the jurisdiction and weekly Evenings of Instruction were held during the winter months in the City of Wilmington. Apparently these were held to instruct officers in the working and to examine them as to their proficiency. The average attendance seems to have been very low. In addition to these Lodges of Instruction, all the lodges were visited for examination, some of them two and three times before the officers could qualify. It would appear that all officers elected and appointed are examined. What happens if they fail to pass satisfactorily?

The Report of the Committee on Education finds the scholarship plan to have been very successful, some of their students having made excellent records.

The Report on Foreign Correspondence is submitted by M. W. Bro. Thos. J. Day, P.G.M. Alberta receives fraternal notice for 1928. He quotes M. W. Bro. Cruickshank's comment on the death of our late Grand Secretary and notes the large number of dispensations issued to attend Divine Service in Regalia. He also comments on the work of our Benevolent Committee in relief.

J.H.W.S.K.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

The 119th Annual Communication was held on December 18th in the City of Washington, D.C. M. W. Bro. Wisdom D. Brown, Grand Master, presided.

The Grand Master, at the beginning of his address, voices a hearty sentiment of appreciation for the "entire Masonic Fraternity" (of the District of Columbia, of course) for the "publicity to Masonic activities" secured by the Senior Grand Warden from the *Washington Evening Star*, and thanks that publication for the liberal space it accorded Freemasonry and its allied bodies. We presume this is a Masonic publication but so far it has not come to our desk.

He, with nearly all Grand Masters, gives some space to the vexed question of Non-Payment of Dues. He finds it to be an almost universal complaint for which no satisfactory remedy has been found. He suggests that Grand Lodge insist on a uniform course of action by all lodges, i.e., that suspension for N.P.D. should automatically follow after a certain time of delinquency, saying, truly enough, that it is a mistake to carry a member for several years before suspension because by that time the accumulated dues are so great that he will never be reinstated.

Among the dispensations granted, nineteen were issued to confer degrees on more than the constitutional number. This Grand Lodge permits seven now instead of five. One wonders if this practice of conferring degrees in "classes" is not perhaps a contributing cause to so many suspensions. The Grand Master comments on the fact that increasing the number to seven has not done away with the requests for dispensations.

He mentions as unusual an invitation sent to him to attend the Peace Monument Celebration at Toronto by the Shrine Organization, the unveiling ceremony to be preceded by a parade, headed by the Shrine Imperial Council, next in line the Grand Masters of all American Lodges, to which he very properly replied, "Whenever this Grand Lodge should become actively interested in any movement, it would assume Masonic leadership and control and would not permit itself to be subordinated to any other Masonic or allied body."

They have \$350,000.00 invested in their Masonic Home, with an endowment fund of \$135,000.00. The hospital fund is about \$39,000.00. The disbursements for the year equal \$91,807.78 with a total of 49 adults, 30 boys and 21 girls in the home, and a staff of 23. It does seem as if Alberta's system of Grand Lodge benevolence accomplishes as much in caring for our beneficiaries with a much lower investment and expense.

The Correspondence Report is by M. W. Bro. Geo. W. Baird. His reviews are as interesting as ever, although he is 85 years of age, far from well and his work is carried on with great difficulty. Alberta for 1927 and 1928 receives fraternal notice.

J. H. W. S. K.

ENGLAND

At the March Quarterly Communication, held at Kingsway Hall, London, in 1929, the M. W. Pro Grand Master referred with profound sympathy to the serious illness of H. M. the King, and the Grand Chaplain in solemn prayer rendered a devout thanksgiving for the Sovereign's restoration to health.

H. R. H. the Duke of Connaught, M. W. Grand Master, was re-elected and proclaimed as Grand Master.

The Board of General Purposes in their report recommended an immediate grant of 1,000 guineas or \$5,250.00 to the Lord Mayor's Miners' Relief Fund, it being pointed out that the need for immediate action was great and that the Government would add an equal amount to each subscription in a grant from the Treasury. The recommendation was approved. Thus Grand Lodge recognized a national emergency and extended their charity beyond the bounds of their own Order.

Masonic begging letters were condemned and lodges were warned not to give assistance until they had submitted such letters to the Grand Secretary for investigation. There is much wisdom in the warning. Grand Lodge can make a much more thorough investigation than a lodge or an individual member.

A list is published showing the number of lodges on the Grand Lodge register as 4,383, of which 697 are abroad.

The attention of our Alberta brethren might be drawn to the Financial Report. V. W. Bro. Sir John Ferguson refers to the common remark, "that Grand Lodge is a wealthy body. Practically one-third of its funds is devoted entirely and permanently to Benevolence. More than one-third is represented by buildings which by their nature cannot produce an economic return. Of the remainder the Fund of General Purpose has free assets amounting to a little over £100,000. I think the Craft should realize this." So also should we in Alberta realize that our Grand Lodge revenue for all purposes outside of benevolence is barely equal to current expenses.

At the June Quarterly Communication, the M. W. the Grand Master, H. R. H. the Duke of Connaught, presided. He made a very brief address referring to the loyalty and feelings of all during the terrible illness of our King, mentioning that a motion would be made contributing £1,000 sterling to the King's Thank Offering Fund. He also reported that the foundations of the Peace Memorial Temple are now settled and that building on them would now commence, stating it would take another three years to complete.

Approval of Grand Lodge was given of the cautionary warning to the members to avoid association with the Loyal Order of Moose and other organizations imitative of Freemasonry. It was pointed out that such organizations were not like the ordinary Benefit or Friendly Societies, which in return for certain specified fees gave certain specific benefits, but basing their appeal for support on supposedly similar grounds as Freemasonry tell the public they have a ritual, simple but impressive and "no Fraternal Order in existence possesses a more beautiful and ennobling ritualistic ceremony," and having succeeded in finding some Masons willing to join them, have paraded these members to other candidates as proving that Masonry and this Order are to some extent allied. "The Grand Lodge of England has always held that Quasi Masonic Bodies which claim to be fraternal and the membership of which is restricted to those who take certain vows and thereby are admitted to participation in a secret ceremony are irregular within the meaning of the Antient Charges of the Craft and extreme caution should be the attitude of Masons when invited to join these Orders, especially when it is asserted that many Freemasons are to be found in the lodges already formed, who take great interest in the society."

At the September Quarterly, Grand Lodge approved of the statement of Basic Principles on which the Grand Lodge could be invited to recognize any Grand Lodge applying for recognition by the English Jurisdiction. As a result of R. W. Bro. Sir Alfred Robbin's visit to South American Jurisdictions, fraternal relations were renewed with the Grand Orient of Brazil and also with the Grand Orient of Uruguay.

What is termed as a Universal Masonic Congress was summoned to meet in Holland in September and English Masons who might attend were cautioned not to under any circumstances give the impression they were representative of English Freemasonry.

The corner stone of the Shakespeare Memorial Theatre at Stratford-on-Avon was laid with Masonic Ceremonies by the Pro Grand Master and Grand Lodge was thanked for having "so stressed the universality of the poet and attached his immortal name with the immemorial dignity of permanent things."

The attention of members was drawn to an increasing practice noticed in several lodges of presentations which were not purely "the

result of spontaneous or voluntary effort" and it was stated that it is undesirable that any presentation should be made a lodge officer in recognition of performance of official duty save such as the lodge as a whole, and not any section of it, shall resolve upon as a testimony to special service.

Grand Lodge makes a yearly subscription rate for its published Proceedings and it is noted with pleasure the names of subscribers are increasing yearly. While Alberta makes a charge for its Proceedings, it has as yet no yearly subscribers, and the reviewer can echo the complaint made by the Grand Lodge of England, that members pay little attention to the Proceedings.

J. H. W. S. K.

FLORIDA

The M. W. Grand Lodge F. & A. M. of Florida met for the One Hundredth Annual Communication in Jacksonville, April 16th to 18th, 1929, M. W. Leroy Brandon, Grand Master.

Brother Ely P. Hubbell, Chairman of the Correspondence Committee, pays this kindly tribute in the review of Manitoba, 1928,— "Reviewing the proceedings of Canadian Masonic bodies is always time well spent, for the reader is sure to receive really worth while information as well as inspiration. Surely Masonry means something to our northern neighbors." As part of the lightning falls upon Alberta, we say, "Thank you, and may you never be disappointed." And in "re-tort cordial" may the reviewer say that he always opens the proceedings of Florida with anticipated pleasure. One recalls in childhood days the glamor of romance thrown around the Keystone State by souvenir seashore shells and tales of alligators, while now for some years the Sunshine City has been the winter home of his ageing parents. Thus there is a living reality about the Proceedings so that one almost detects the faint fragrance of orange blossoms.

The devotion of M. W. Bro. Leroy Brandon to the cause of Freemasonry is best told in the phrase, he dedicated his entire time to the prosecution of his duties as Grand Master. The courage, enthusiasm and vision which sustained his heart and soul when burdened with responsibilities and problems, and sometimes facing disappointment is acknowledged by him in his closing paragraph—"Masons should not forget to practise that sweet, old fashioned piety they learned to hup at mother's knee. And whatever be the attitude of the body, let the soul be on its knees when, looking up to Him who has been the genius and glory of Masonry through all the vanished ages, we say, 'Our Father . . . hallowed be Thy Name'."

He apologizes that he was able to visit "only" 224 lodges, 11 Schools of Instruction, 16 District Meetings, wrote 4,000 letters, travelled 30,000 miles by auto and 4,000 miles by train only to discover that it was a physical impossibility to visit all the lodges. It was also his duty to direct the distribution of \$107,000 of relief, as a result of the hurricane of September, 1928, and the floods of March, 1929. Approximately two-thirds of the amount contributed came from the generosity of other Masonic jurisdictions.

Brother Brandon, a learned judge of the State courts, with high ideas of Masonic propriety, endeavored with herculean courage to clean up a sordid mess which has existed in parts of his jurisdiction

where immorality and drunkenness have prevailed among officers of lodges and Masons. Five charters were arrested on these grounds and five on delinquency and incompetency. It is so easy for a Grand Master to neglect his duty and overlook or ignore such conditions for the sake of tranquility during his year and perhaps trusting that things will right themselves. Voluntary consolidation was effected of several weak lodges while the Grand Master recommended similar action to twelve others.

The vigor of the Grand Master's endeavor to come to grips with and solve the problems facing his Grand Jurisdiction is best illustrated by the following summary of his more important recommendations:

1. Amendments to the by-laws re emeritus membership whereby the mere attainment of sixty years of age shall not entitle members to such a basis, also the placing of Ministers of the Gospel upon the same basis of dues paying membership as others. Many instances of abuses of privilege were found.

2. Changing the practice of presenting Entered Apprentices with lamb-skin aprons to a symbolic presentation, with the actual presentation taking place in the Master Mason degree.

3. The banning of the organization within the State of parasite "Orders" whose membership is based upon Masonic affiliation, not including in this reference of course the long standing "higher bodies."

4. The insistence of lodges paying one-third of the amount paid to beneficiaries by the Grand Lodge Relief Fund. Without local responsibility many cases had been allowed to remain on the list of grants for years after the need no longer existed, and in other cases lodges were only paying into the fund an insignificant amount while the grants to their members were out of all proportion.

5. That many lodges are unable to pay the D.D.G.M.'s expenses incurred in visiting them, and more often the D.D.G.M. out of modesty fails to mention the matter, so the matter was referred to the Finance Committee.

6. That D.D.G.M.'s be installed with a suitable ceremony.

7. The regrouping of the Masonic districts into much smaller territory for the purpose of carrying out a one day program of instruction schools, rather than a three day program in the larger districts.

8. The appointment of a committee of successful business men to investigate the operation of the Home in view of the somewhat perpendicular increase in costs over a five year period.

9. The abolition of the Education Committee and the creating of a Committee of Masonic Welfare, the chairman of which shall be required to give all his time under the direction of the Grand Master, to the visiting of lodges, giving instruction and obtaining information for the use of the Grand Master and Grand Lodge committees.

10. The adoption of trials by commission.

11. The adoption of new questionnaire forms of petition for candidates and a preamble of the aims and objects of Masonry to be perused in the hope that the number of disappointed candidates may be lessened.

The Jurisprudence Committee, composed of Past Grand Masters ran counter to the Grand Master on several of the above recommendations but Grand Lodge had the last say by over-ruling them.

The general broadening view upon physical qualification receives the hearty endorsement of Brother Brandon when he points out that, "In the days when lodges were working in operative masonry the requirement for physical perfection was necessary because it was expected that every member of the craft should become a skilled workman, but as we have long since ceased to work as operative masons and since we are taught that the internal and not the external qualifications of a man are what Masonry regards, the requirement for physical perfection no longer has any significance. Freemasonry today has to do with the heart, mind and soul of the individual."

A pleasing feature of the Annual Communication is the oration by Brother Barnett, apparently a man of great culture. His subject this year was, "What does Masonry mean to me?" He answers the pragmatist's question, "Does it work?" under the following heads:

1. It deepens my reverence for the Supreme Being.
2. Freemasonry links me with a glorious past.
3. It gives me high respect for science.
4. Freemasonry inspires me to active warfare for the right against wrong.
5. Freemasonry gilds with hope the darkness of the future.

The excellent review of correspondence by Brother Ely P. Hubbell would seem to bear out the suggestion that he reads the proceedings from "kiver to kiver." Reporting on Alberta he presumes that membership is based upon Entered Apprenticeship rather than the Master Mason and asked the question when dues accrue with the initiate. In reply, the assumption is correct and dues accrue from the date of initiation. Brother Hubbell notes that Florida was not represented. Apparently his jurisdiction has not been notified of the decease on April 10, 1927, of our esteemed R. W. Bro. Geo. F. Auxier.

Lodges, 256. Membership 32,301. Loss, 102.

Grand Master, M. W. Bro. Stafford Caldwell.

Grand Secretary, R. W. Bro. W. Webster.

V.H.M.

GEORGIA

The One Hundred and Forty-third Annual Communication was held at Macon on October 29th and 30th, 1929, with M. W. Bro. Raymond Daniel filling out his second year as Grand Master, ably supported by the presence of ten Past Grand Master's

Georgia has a system of noting the non-attendance of representatives near her jurisdiction and upon failure to attend for three years they are automatically dropped. Alberta's representative was absent again and his name is among those who have been dropped this year. As it is at present worked out the whole matter of exchange of repre-

sentatives is somewhat farcical, for in too many instances these brethren are not even in receipt of a copy of the proceedings of the jurisdiction they presume to represent, nor is there any duty assigned except to attend communications and be received. Grand Master Daniel recommended that they be accorded a rank in Grand Lodge at least equal to that of Past Senior Grand Deacon, but it was not accepted.

All the world loves a lover, also all the world loves a leader. Three days preceding Grand Lodge, M. W. Bro. Daniel was happily married at the Masonic Home in the presence of the children and staff, to Miss Brock who had been associated with the Home. Certainly from results, neither Masonry nor Miss Brock suffered from the dual love. During the past two years the Grand Master has been giving Georgia the type of fine leadership for which Freemasonry yearns. Too often the Craft is led in a wilderness by mediocrity while the crying need is ability, devotion and vision in her Grand Masters. Let me quote from the Report of the Committee on the Grand Master's Address:

"Under the wise judgment and enthusiastic zeal which the Grand Master has brought to his task, Masonry in Georgia has become indeed and in truth a progressive science. It is most pleasing to find a heart all aflame with love, working in perfect harmony with a mind filled with vision so broad and purposes so exalted. Your committee questions whether in all the history of Georgia Masonry one has ever come to the Grand Mastership with a heart so filled with the milk of human kindness, with a tongue so touched with honeyed sweetness, with a mind so illuminated with the light of acquired knowledge or purpose more noble than he. His labor has been untiring, his zeal unabated, his enthusiasm an ever increasing, fervid flame until like a veritable oriflamme, he has swept through the state, a cloud by day and a fire by night to show the way to the promised land."

The nine point program enunciated by M. W. Bro. Daniel last year and the campaign for the Cottage for Little Tuberculous Children were the factors in arousing the potentialities of the Masons, setting themselves once again vigorously building the temple of love. Truly a new day has dawned in Georgia.

"From the program of education for the development of the individual craftsman, for the advancement of the subordinate lodge and the upbuilding of the Fraternity, have accrued greatest benefits," says the Grand Master. "The necessity of the educational program was evident. Changing world-wide conditions, weariness of stereotyped fraternal forms while other organizations were offering fields for advancement and service, had made their impressions upon our craft-hood, bringing distaste and disregard for Masonic ceremonies. Some of the less optimistic had feared that Georgia Masonry had drifted away from allegiance to the Order to which they had given their sacred vows." The program called for the creating of Masonic education committees in the lodges, for the presentation of interesting and instructive programs. Lodges were aroused and prominent craftsmen gave of their talents in the work. Suggestions for the furtherance of the program call for the establishing of a bureau of speakers, lodge libraries and a Grand Lodge circulating library. A famous Luther Bible is to be one of the first valuables to be placed in the proposed Grand Lodge museum.

An interim report of a committee charged with revision of the burial service presented the following as requisite in such a ceremony: It should be an expression of truth well established and universal in its application. It should be calmly dignified, yet as broad in its sympathies as the universality of its brotherhood. It should not

ignore the brooding terror of death and the chill horror of the grave, yet it should be suffuse with the abiding graces—Faith, Hope and Love.

By resolution, an amendment of the code was made whereby Entered Apprentices and Fellow Crafts shall be not liable for dues.

The concluding words of Grand Master Daniel's address, are: "Beyond the individual craftsman is the fraternity; beyond the fraternity is humanity; beyond humanity is God." Perhaps within the bounds of those few words are best expressed the sincerity, vision and aspiration which have guided Georgia during the term of so distinguished a Mason.

Lodges, 608. Membership 65,578.

Grand Master M. W. Hugh W. Taylor.

Grand Secretary, R. W. Frank F. Baker.

V.H.M.

IDAHO

Sixty-second Annual Communication held at Nampa, Idaho, September 10th to 12th, 1930.

In the Grand East, M. W. Bro. Roy N. Gilbert, Grand Master.

We missed Alberta among the Grand Lodges represented.

In opening his address the Grand Master mentions his first communication to his District Deputies, stressing, as apparently all Masons are doing today, the educational side of Masonry. The building of knowledge and the overthrow of ignorance is surely a Mason's task.

As regards the performance of the ritualistic ceremonies the Grand Master comments: "My observations along this line lead me to believe that the brethren of the smaller lodges are accomplishing more and better work than are any of the larger ones."

The performance of degrees is, we agree, some test of the efficiency of a lodge, but we have found that lodges active in more important directions and "not so good" in representation of ritual are a more potent force than "degree millers." To our mind a remark like this, flattering as it is to the small lodge has a tendency, if slight perhaps, to foster the idea that perfection of work is the main business of a lodge.

He suggests that lodges might hold their Installation Meeting as an "open meeting" to which presumably the public should be admitted. We agree that often more could be made of the installation meeting, "an important event for any lodge" but cannot agree to a public meeting if that is the implication of the Grand Master's remark. We observe with interest that he refuses to grant dispensation to lay the corner stone of a church on Sunday but fail to understand why sabbatarianism should be pushed to such limits today.

We quote his comment on Masonic Temples in part:

"Throughout the past year and for some time previous Temple organizations have been formed without very much attention given to the operation of such organizations after the first wave of enthusiasm has died out. The building of a Temple is a laudable ambition for

any lodge. Under our Rules and Regulations, I believe it might be construed to mean that the Grand Lodge would be responsible for the obligations of a Temple Association, because the association's membership is made up from the members of the lodge. That being the case, I believe that it would be well to have some method of checking over the plans and the cost of any Temple that is to be built in the future."

We are not competent to express an opinion as to the legal merits of the relationship in temple building but we do think that the Grand Master's cautionary remarks are well taken and to be thought of here as well as in Idaho.

We note with interest that Idaho is revising her "Key" or "Work" as we call it.

From the report of the Committee on Masonic Education we cull the following paragraph:

"Men no longer need to go to lodge for a diversion. Those who go now must do so for a more substantial reason. It must be more because of loyalty to the lodge, love of Masonic principles and teachings, or because of a deeper faith in the fundamentals of the Fraternity. These are new conditions, and it can readily be seen that the problem of lodge attendance assumes greater importance."

A striking statement in concise language and containing what we believe to be Freemasonry's greatest problem, the problem of continuing interest. The solution of this problem is the task of Grand Lodges today. Failure means extinction.

A fine oration by Bro. George S. Sloan, Grand Orator, appears in full. His theme may be stated as a defense of the ancient practices of speculative Freemasonry in the light of modern thought and experience. Too long to quote, we recommend its perusal. One sentence or two will savor the significance:

"Some say our obligations are too severe. Not so! They were fashioned in days of darkness, of cruelty. They were made by men who were engaged upon dangerous work."

"Let our obligations be given in such a way as to impress upon the candidate that he is entering upon a great task. . . . Tyranny is not dead. Freedom for all is not won."

The proceedings close with a review of correspondence in which Alberta receives generous mention.

Next Annual Communication at Twin Falls on Tuesday, September 9th, 1930.

Grand Master, Frank D. Mumford, Caldwell.

Grand Secretary, Curtis F. Pike, Boise.

A.M.M.

IRELAND

The Proceedings of 1929 opened on December 27th in Dublin, with an address from the Deputy Grand Master, who presided, R. W. Bro. Colonel Claude Cane.

The R. W. Brother is a veteran Mason, who hopes to celebrate his 50 years of membership and ten years of service as Deputy Grand Master together in November and December of 1930. He pays tribute to the memory of the M. W. Grand Master Mason of Scotland, Lord Blythswood, who was also an honorary member of the Grand Lodge of Ireland, the first and only brother to be given that honor.

He mentions an important amendment to Grand Lodge law, which does away with the prohibition of domestic servants or bailiffs becoming members. He says we should realize how far we have progressed in the last two hundred years and how class lines are becoming obliterated. The Grand Master observes that Ireland is the last Grand Lodge in the world to keep that law on the Statute Book, and as he says such a law is today an absurdity.

He reports the almost exceptional occurrence of the suspension of one of their lodges. This was a lodge on the Gold Coast of Africa, composed of colored men and half-casts. Evidently Grand Lodge had been most patient and forbearing in trying to bring the members of this lodge to a proper understanding of their duties and behaviour as Masons, but without avail, and the only course left open was to withdraw the Charter.

The wonderful charities of Irish Freemasonry continue to flourish in spite of the depression in finance and trade, which has affected Ireland as well as other countries. The Deputy Grand Master reports them to be in a sound financial state and from the reports of the Provincial Grand Officers it is evident that the three Masonic Institutions, the Boys' School, the Girls' School and the Victoria Jubilee Masonic Annuity Fund are always prominent in the minds of the brethren.

There are no fraternal reviews.

J. H. W. S. K.

KANSAS

Seventy-third Annual Communication held at Wichita, February 20th and 21st, 1929.

In the Grand East, M. W. Bro. Ferris M. Hill, Grand Master.

In the list of Grand Representatives greeted, Alberta is missing.

The address of the Grand Master contains for the most part matter of interest to the brethren of Kansas only and we refrain from comment thereon.

We note with genuine interest the gracious appointment of Bro. Albert K. Wilson as Grand Secretary Emeritus, an honor worthily won. Bro. Wilson will confine his labors to a history of the Craft in Kansas and having read with interest his work on other matters for several years we feel sure that his present effort will be a worthy one indeed.

A very thoughtful address by the Grand Orator, Bro. Wallace B. Fleming, appears in full. Using the ideas behind the Key words "Industry," "Reverence" and "Brotherhood," he builds up a significant story. Space forbids extensive quotation but we cannot pass what is to our mind the most thought-provoking sentence of all:

" . . . and then I wish to point out that the contribution of Masonry toward the building of World Brotherhood includes for the

individual man an opportunity to protect enduring friendship in such a way as to enable him to live a life of increasing satisfaction to the end of his days. . . ."

The Laws and Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Kansas together with the text of several ancient constitutions and regulations form a very valuable appendix to this volume.

An excellent review of foreign correspondence, in which Alberta receives more than a generous, share closes the report.

Next Communication at Topeka, February 19th, 1930.

Grand Master, George F. Beezley, Girard.

Grand Secretary, Elmer F. Strain, Topeka.

Grand Secretary Emeritus, Albert K. Wilson, Topeka.

A.M.M.

LOUISIANA

M. W. Bro. James H. Rowland presided over the One Hundred and Eighteenth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Louisiana held in the City of New Orleans, on the 4th February, 1929.

In the list of Grand Representatives we regret to note the name of the Alberta Representative is missing.

The Address of M. W. Bro. Rowland forms very interesting and instructive reading covering as it does some 64 pages. That this Grand Jurisdiction demands a considerable amount of the time of its Grand Master is self-evident and that he is called upon to answer all types of questions cannot be gainsaid after perusing this address.

He dedicated four lodge rooms and laid corner stones for nine buildings, two of which were for Masonic purposes, the others being high schools and public buildings. The Grand Master rejoices, and rightly so, in being able to do this service for his State for it thereby demonstrates the strength and respect in which the Fraternity is held within her borders.

Under the heading of "Rulings and Decisions" some 19 pages are covered and we wish that it were possible to quote copiously from them, but will have to satisfy ourselves with the most important.

In the matter of one brother owing another, he ruled that the lodge cannot be used as a collection agency.

On the question of receiving applications from persons who had been convicted under violations of the Eighteenth Amendment the Grand Master frowned and considers that it is the first duty of the Masonic Order to obey the law of the country.

Can a man who was illegitimately born become a Mason? The Grand Master ruled that where the parents did not correct their mistake by marrying, the man could not become a Master Mason.

He ruled that a brother suspended for N.P.D. should be entitled to a Masonic funeral should his relatives request it.

Bro. Rowland has a high word of praise for the Masonic Home for Children carried on in his jurisdiction.

Under the heading of "Official Acts" the Grand Master records a case of a member suspended in his jurisdiction for N.P.D. joining up with a lodge in another state and the Grand Master in that State compelling the brother to put himself in good standing before he could be accepted.

Bro. Rowland is to be commended for his stand on the use of Masonic lodge rooms.

\$500.00 was donated to the Porto Rican flood sufferers, and also to the Florida disaster.

The report of the Grand Secretary follows along the usual lines, and he states that by the use of the budget system and the pruning knife a saving of some \$10,000.00 has been effected.

The relief work of this Grand Lodge is carried on by Louisiana Relief Lodge No. 1, who give a very excellent report showing \$5,152.00 having been paid out.

The Masonic Home for Children is crowded to capacity and additional facilities demanded but finances preclude these. The cost of the Home is stated at \$51,561.17 and if they are turning out valuable citizens to their State the money is well spent.

Recognition to the Grand Lodge of Spain was accorded and an exchange of Representatives ordered.

The report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence was presented by M. W. Bro. Edwin F. Gayle, who is to be congratulated on his initial report. In the foreword to his reviews Bro. Gayle treats on the question of Masonic Charity as being an important factor in the jurisdiction in which he resides and it is from this point of view that he presents his work on Foreign Correspondence.

Philip G. Ricks, Grand Master.

John A. Davilla, Grand Secretary.

Total membership 34,204.

W.I.

MAINE

The One Hundred and Tenth Annual Communication of the M. W. the Grand Lodge of Maine was held in the City of Portland on the 7th May, 1929, with M. W. Bro. Harold E. Cooke in the Grand East.

In the course of his address Grand Master Cooke states that there has been nothing sensational in the happenings to be recorded and very little that is unusual or out of the ordinary course of a quiet but substantial progress. He reports celebrations attended of lodges, fifty, one hundred and one hundred and fifty years old and states that there will be no more centennial celebrations in his jurisdiction until 1948.

Maine has established a "Masonic Secretaries Association which is undoubtedly a forward step and if taken advantage of by the individual lodges will prove a source of great benefit to the Craft in general.

There is nothing in the reports of the several committees of this Grand Lodge that calls for special comment. Maine is apparently pursuing the even tenor of its way. The address of M. W. Bro. Arthur D. Prince of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts is worthy of observation, summing up as he does the present position of Masonic Benevolence. According to the writer there is no brighter luminary on the Masonic horizon than that of Masonic Benevolence and it should be a source of great gratification and satisfaction not only to the active members of such committees but to the Craft in general that their less fortunate brethren are taken care of.

The report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence is presented by Bro. Ashley A. Smith. In his foreword he deals with the matter of Trials by Commissions, but we of Alberta are fully aware of the benefits of this procedure. A comprehensive review of our proceedings of 1928 is recorded and we thank Bro. Smith for his appreciation of M. W. Bro. Selwood's efforts and most heartily reciprocate the same.

Membership, 43,935.

Harold E. Cooke, Grand Master.

Charles B. Davis, Grand Secretary.

W.I.

MANITOBA

The Fifty-fourth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons was held in the City of Winnipeg on Wednesday the 12th day of June, 1929.

The Grand Lodge was opened in Ample Form, the Grand Master M. W. Bro. Murdo A. Whimster presiding. There were nineteen Past Grand Masters present. The representatives from fifty-four Grand Jurisdictions were received and welcomed by the Grand Master. The representative of Alberta was not among these.

In his Address the Grand Master, after extending a cordial welcome to the members, states that the year has been one wonderfully free from all contentious questions. Later on in his address he says:

"During my term of office, I have endeavored to impress upon the brethren the fact that Masonry is not something that you can take off with your regalia and leave in the anteroom of your lodge. It is something to be taken home and to be used in the family life; it is something to be used in your business affairs, in every walk in life and in every circumstance. Every Mason should bear in mind that in his hands is the reputation of our time-honored institution. If he is careless of his own reputation, he is careless of the reputation of Masonry. If he leaves his Masonry with his regalia and uses it only at lodge meetings, he is a member and not a Mason."

We fear that there are many more members than Masons. We forget the saying, "Once a Mason always a Mason."

However, Grand Master Whimster says, that everywhere he went he found a great reverence for the established customs and the Ancient Landmarks of our Order. "The brethren seem to feel the mighty force of those lessons so beautifully taught in the stately and dignified ceremonies of the Masonic Craft."

He attended all the District Meetings with one exception. Some were much more successful than others. District Meetings are like anything else, we get out largely in proportion to what we put in. The success or non-success depends to quite an extent on the District Deputy. An energetic District Deputy can organize, arrange and carry on a successful District Meeting. The Grand Master agrees with this for he says that the best man available in every District should be appointed to that office whether it is the turn of that lodge or not. The object in view should be the advancement of the Craft and not that of the individuals. There is no doubt about that, but the human element, the human jealousy must be taken into account. Not only members, but lodges become jealous of each other if there seems to be a favoritism shown to that lodge which has the most eligible members for and receives the most appointments to Grand Lodge offices. It is a very good theory, but like most theories does not work out well in practice and never will so long as we have to deal with human beings.

The Grand Master urges more interlodge visits, especially in the country. This we feel will do more to advance the welfare of our Order than anything else whether it be in urban or rural centre. More members will attend when it is known that another lodge will be there. The interchange of visits cannot help but do good. Then again in this age of quick transportation, a number of lodges in the country might combine and bring in some entertainer of note, meeting in turn in the different lodges.

The Grand Master tells of attending the 25th anniversary of King Edward Lodge in Winnipeg. The celebration lasted for four days, but what was perhaps the outstanding incident was that all the 25 Past Masters, one for each year, attended at all the meetings of the celebration. This is a record that few if any other lodge can equal.

Towards the close of his address the Grand Master makes a strong plea for world peace and urges that Masons can do much by uniting to advance that object. There is no doubt about that. If the 5,000,000 Masons in the world should unite and say, No war, there would not be any war. But here again the human element enters. While every Mason might wish for world peace, the methods to be followed to attain that end would be many and varied. Any organization effort among Masons for the purpose of forwarding the peace of the world would be fraught with disaster and most likely to cause serious dissension among the Craft.

In speaking of the help he got from the Grand Secretary the Grand Master uses these words, "He has been willing at all times to make the work of the Grand Master easier, taking on himself labor that, perhaps, should have been the duty of the Grand Master. He watches over this Grand Jurisdiction with eyes of love, a love that lightens the burden of many a weary Mason. His hand is the hand of a brother indeed. His smile is a benediction, filling our hearts with love. His presence reminds us of those mighty principles of the Ancient Order he loves so well, of which he is the Perfect Exemplar. May the Master Builder grant him health, strength and great length of days, that he may go in and out among us that we may enjoy the benefits of his wide ex-

perience and ripe wisdom through years to come. The Grand Masters come and Grand Masters go, but there is only one Brother Ovas."

"Perfect Exemplar." Capital "P" too. We are glad to know that our old friend Bro. "Jim" has reached that Divine attribute "Perfection." We were always rather of the opinion that the human predominated. Perhaps the Grand Secretary, under his breath, repeats the famous words of Canning:

"Give me the avowed, the erect, the manly foe;
Bold I can meet, perhaps may turn the blow;
But of all plagues, Good Heaven, Thy wrath can send
Save, save, O save me from my candid friend!"

The Report of the Committee on the Condition of Freemasonry is interesting. At the close of the last Annual Communication, there was a meeting of this committee, the retiring and newly appointed District Deputies. At this meeting the duties of the office were fully discussed. Later a clear and concise statement of the duties and responsibilities of the office were sent to each. This should have proved of great value and would enable these officers to do much better work. The committee finds that there is such an increase in membership as to show a healthy and vigorous condition in the greater part of the lodges; but they say it is not by the size of the membership, nor the increase that the condition should be judged, but by the spirit of willingness and determination to carry on the work to the limit. This spirit is being manifested to a greater extent than ever before. Over \$10,000.00 was donated to benevolence by the lodges. The assets of the lodges over liabilities is over \$320,000.00.

The committee find that the attendance is not what it should be and recommend as a remedy "a more general use of the Grand Lodge Library, the establishment of Lodge Libraries and the featuring of Educational Lectures and Essays bearing on Masonic Topics.

This committee is of the opinion that the work should not all be transferred to emergent meetings. "The Entered Apprentice Degree should be conferred at the regular meetings and in its entirety and with extreme perfection on all points." The business could be handled by committees "thus leaving time for the real work of Freemasonry, all degrees, unless there is good reason to the contrary, could be worked at regular meetings."

We are at a loss to understand just why all or any of the degrees be given at regular meetings rather than at emergent. Even with committees to do the business there is bound to be discussion on some of the reports. The degree work would be late starting and even if hurried the hour for closing would be very late. Yet according to the Committee, "no part of the work should be postponed nor should any part of the work which ought to be imparted individually, be spurred or speeded up by group movement. The individual has rights which must not be infringed. The expressed judgment of the Craft is against haste." Earlier in the report the committee suggest that the unsatisfactory state of attendance may be caused by "the monotonous, mechanical repetition of unexplained ceremonies." We think that by forcing the degree work on the regular night of meeting, keeping the lodge open to late at night or early in the morning will not help the attendance. We suppose the "Educational Lectures and Essays" would be given at emergent meetings. We do not think there would be many such meetings.

Some lodges arrange for an address or for a social hour on the night of the regular meeting after the business and have the degree work at an emergent meeting. By this method all meetings can be closed at a reasonable hour and the degree work is in no danger of being postponed or hurried.

The Grand Chaplain, the Rev. George W. Findlay gave a very interesting, eloquent and instructive address.

The Review of the Proceedings of Foreign Jurisdictions is written by M. W. Bro. J. C. Walker Reid assisted by R. W. Bro. D. S. Woods. Some 52 jurisdictions are reviewed and much information of the doings of the Craft is given. We regret that the Alberta Proceedings happened to be in the parcel that went astray. We hope that such a catastrophe will not occur again for we always like to read what Mother Manitoba has to say about the doings of her daughter Alberta. We congratulate the brethren on their work.

Lodges, 103. Members, December 31st, 1928, 12,068. Increase for the year, 193.

William Douglas was elected M. W. Grand Master.

James A. Ovas, P.G.M., was re-elected R. W. Grand Secretary.

H.C.T.

MARYLAND

The Semi-annual Communication was held on May 14, 1929, in the City of Baltimore.

The Grand Master, M. W. Bro. Warren Seipp, gave an address brief as always and well worth reading. I venture to quote part of it as of particular interest. Grand Master Seipp has ruled this Grand Jurisdiction since his first election in 1920, so his long experience should give added importance to his words.

"Standing Resolution Nos. 30 and 31 have worked wonders in clearing up our books. For the first time in the history of our Fraternity I have not had a brother reported owing over two years in dues. This has necessitated the suspension of 370 members. I do not look upon this as a loss to the Fraternity, but a movement of progress. A tree that will not bear fruit should be cut down and cast into the fire, and members who are being carried upon our books as drones, are of no benefit to us nor to themselves."

"Our goal should be more Masonry in men and not more men in Masonry."

Again in his address at the 143rd Annual Communication, held on November 19, 1929, he speaks of business conditions and the general financial depression, warning Grand Lodge to give serious consideration to proposals or suggestions regarding Grand Lodge expenditure, saying: "It is the easiest thing in the world to have a number of our brethren either advocate or oppose suggested changes or hoped-for improvements, but there is only one question which should be seriously considered in all matters before the Grand Lodge, and that is, as to whether any proposed action is a good thing for the Fraternity, leaving the individual's desire and wishes out of the picture altogether."

The Correspondence Report is an excellent one by Bro. John L. Sanford, a worthy successor to our venerable Bro. Henry Branch, who so very ably conducted this work for many years, and now owing to illness and his great age has relinquished his post. Alberta receives fraternal notice for 1927 and 1928. We stand corrected as to Maryland's place in geography. We will remember in future she belongs to the Sunny South.

J.H.W.S.K.

MINNESOTA

Seventy-sixth Annual Communication held at St. Paul, January 16th and 17th, 1929. In the Grand East, M. W. Bro. Sam A. Erickson, Grand Master.

264 lodges were represented out of 310 on the roll. Alberta was represented by Bro. E. J. Simon, later elected and installed as Grand Master for 1930.

While the Grand Master reports in full on the work of his year he offers no opinion or comment on the problems of Masonry today which loom large in the reports of other Grand Masters. We would make it very clear that this is not mentioned in any disparaging sense. Perhaps M. W. Bro. Erickson is reserving judgment and "will fire when ready."

The Grand Oration is not printed in the Proceedings, an editorial note observing that "much of it being of an esoteric nature it is not possible to print it."

The report is filled with statistical reports and comments on matters of great interest to the brethren of Minnesota but from the reviewer's point of view there is very little calling for comment.

The Masonic home continues in thriving condition.

A full report on Foreign Correspondence rounds out the Proceedings and Alberta as usual receives very kindly mention.

Next Annual Communication held at St. Paul, January 15th, 1930.

Grand Master, Edwin J. Simon, St. Paul.

Grand Secretary, John Fishel, St. Paul.

A.M.M.

MISSISSIPPI

Assembled for the One Hundred and Eleventh Annual Grand Communication at Gulfport, February 12th and 13th, 1929, the Grand Lodge of Mississippi, Free and Accepted Masons was opened by Grand Master Thomas E. Pegram following public exercises at the First Methodist Church. The representative of Alberta was not recorded as present.

The Grand Master's address is a model for brevity which might well be emulated. He found peace and harmony prevailing throughout his jurisdiction, together with the absence of any serious and general calamity. Like many other Grand Lodges, Mississippi is confronted with a financial problem as the result of a falling off in the number of initiates, difficulty in collecting 100 per cent per capita tax, and an ascending scale of Home maintenance costs resulting in an approximate over-expenditure of \$10,000 yearly which does not include an amount necessary for repairs. Indeed the previous year \$5,000 was appropriated from the General Fund to take care of repairs. Maintenance costs at the two Homes, which do not include depreciation, interest or renewals, amounted respectively to \$278.31 per capita and \$396.28 per capita. We fail to find any explanation for the differential unless it be that a fire which occurred at the latter home necessitated the rebuilding of a dormitory for boys costing \$38,000, for which unfortunately there was only \$10,000 insurance available. This situation caused the Grand Master to make two appeals to the membership for contributions, but unfortunately the response fell far short of the need. Indeed the good ladies of the Eastern Star (sadly misunderstood in some jurisdictions) raised almost as much money as the lodges.

The recommendation of the Grand Master that, as Mississippi is about the only jurisdiction not collecting the per capita tax in advance, it might temporarily help finances if the same were immediately placed upon the "in advance" basis by collecting two years at the same time, was not adopted. Instead it was agreed to increase the per capita from \$2.25 to \$2.75 for a period of four years, the increase to go into the maintenance fund of the Homes. In the discussion one of the brethren stated that the dues in his lodge were \$5.00 per year. It would seem that right there is where most of our troubles commence. How can any lodge take care of legitimate expenses covering rent, printing and so on, pay its per capita tax and then assume its proper share in distributing charity, that distinguishing characteristic of a Mason's heart! It cannot be done and it is the charity which suffers, right here in Alberta as anywhere else! Trying to make cents do where we ought to be giving dollars, and this is the Masonry we boast about! We hear much about service clubs doing the work of Masonry. Precisely, and all because we are trying to get by on the cheap and let someone else do the very things which are fundamental to our Order. Lack of sincerity is the surpassing evil of Freemasonry today and unless we surmount it we cannot look with confidence to the future.

Concerning the National Masonic Service Association, M. W. Bro. Pegram reported that only nineteen Grand Jurisdictions remain as members. The monthly publication seemed to be the principal service derived from membership by Mississippi and since the journal has been divorced from the organization, the Grand Master recommended and it was adopted that notice of withdrawal from membership be given.

Some Mississippi lodges have been embarrassed by lodges in other jurisdictions giving aid to alleged Masons sojourning and later applying to the home lodge for reimbursement. A resolution was adopted that all jurisdictions be advised that Mississippi cannot hold itself morally bound to reimburse unless they are first consulted before assistance is given. Ordinary courtesy and the desire to discover the bona-fides of an applicant should dictate such a course.

On physical qualification the Law Committee states that Grand Lodge has on more than one occasion recorded its opinion that the

loss of a foot or hand constitutes Masonic disability and disqualification, and concludes with "the landmarks of the Order must be preserved without blemish."

After one year as executive secretary to the Grand Lodge Service Committee spent in educational endeavor, Brother Ellis feels that he has not accomplished the fulfilment of his vision of possibility and consequently resigned. Meetings were held at which degrees were exemplified and instructive addresses were given. There does not seem to have been any action taken to appoint a successor. It is a difficult work requiring unbounded enthusiasm and unlimited ability for which few are adapted.

It has never been just quite clear to us why so many Grand Lodges go to the unnecessary additional expense of incorporating in their proceedings long lists called "pay roll" and other lists containing the names of every member in the jurisdiction together with those of lodge officers and candidates received during the year. Nearly 550 pages are so taken up in the Mississippi report.

Alberta, 1928, receives a kindly review from M. W. Bro. Henry C. Yawn, Chairman of Foreign Correspondence. Fifty-two jurisdictions in all are included, from most of whose proceedings he quotes liberally.

Lodges, 384. Members, 36,399. Loss, 155.

Grand Master William H. Carter.

Grand Secretary, E. L. Faucette.

V.H.M.

MISSOURI

The One Hundred and Ninth Annual Communication of the M. W. the Grand Lodge of Missouri was held in the City of St. Louis on Tuesday, September 24th, with M. W. Bro. Byrne E. Biggar, Grand Master, presiding in the Grand East.

The Address of the Grand Master covers some 35 pages and makes very excellent Masonic reading. He reports the loss of two Past Grand Masters, M. W. Bro. Olaf Lucas and M. W. Bro. Edward Higbee. Five corner stones were laid during his term and special mention should be made of that service conducted for the new Scottish Rite Temple at Kansas City, when the Trowel, Square, Level and Plumb used by George Washington in laying the corner stone of the Capitol of the United States in September, 1793, were used by the several officers. Under the heading "Business in Masonry" the Grand Master has the following to say:

"For a number of years I have been of the opinion that the business of the Grand Lodge should not be the burden of one man, and that there should be more co-operative effort between those responsible for the administration of the affairs of the Grand Lodge. With our policy of electing a Grand Master for only one year, too frequently the best laid plans cannot be put into effective operation in one year and that it would be wise business administration to share the responsibility with

those responsible and to build up a progressive program to be continued through a series of years, thereby giving a permanency to the program and at the same time make it progressive and introducing succeeding administrations to the responsibility of the office of Grand Master.

"So, immediately following the last Annual Communication the Deputy Grand Master, the Senior Grand Warden and Junior Grand Warden were called into conference with the Grand Master and a simple but progressive program covering a period of four years was agreed upon. What has not been completed by the time of this communication, will be carried on by the succeeding Grand Master and then each succeeding conference can add to the simple program that was outlined by the four Grand Officers last year."

This is a very excellent move on the part of M. W. Bro. Biggar and one which all Grand Bodies could adopt to their great advantage. Too often, it would seem to us, that our Grand Lodge officers are mere figureheads, and the movement initiated by Bro. Biggar will have the effect of stimulating these officers to greater work when their time comes to assume the gavel. On the question of "Commercialization of Freemasonry" Grand Master Biggar has the following:

"I think it high time that Freemasonry should declare to the world and particularly to its membership that they cannot and must not attempt to use the Fraternity or the membership therein for their commercial or political gain. I find the greatest infraction of the spirit of this section to be in the commercialization of Freemasonry and I have in no unmistakable terms condemned it in any form in which it has been presented. On a few occasions I have found a very insidious form of commercialization. Some mistaken brother would advise a prospective candidate of the commercial advantage of his membership and then this brother is disappointed when the great rank and file do not concur in that viewpoint."

The Report of the Committee on Recognition of Foreign Grand Lodges refused recognition to the Gran Valle de Mexico and also that of a body formed in France called "The Foreign Relations Committee of American Masons in France." They gave recognition to the Grand Orient of Rumania and ordered an exchange of Representatives.

The Report of the Charity Committee explains the difficulty they have of meeting all the demands made upon them. The Home is full to capacity, with a large waiting list, and the committee asks Grand Lodge for permission to take care of cases in the indigent's own homes where they can be taken care of at much less cost than in the Masonic Home.

The review of proceedings of some sixty-nine Grand Lodges is from the pen of Bro. C. H. Briggs who on July 27th, 1929, celebrated his eightieth birthday. Although rather late, may we offer our greetings and express the hope that he will be long spared to continue his good work. Alberta receives generous consideration from his pen.

Samuel R. Freet, Grand Master.

Arthur Mather, Grand Secretary.

Membership, 113,791.

W.I.

MONTANA

Sixty-fifth Annual Communication held at Great Falls, August 21st and 22nd, 1929.

In the Grand East, M. W. Bro. Francis Hagstrom, Grand Master.

The Grand Lodge was formally welcomed by W. Bro. (the Honorable) Scott Leavitt in a very effective short address and W. Bro. W. R. Flachsenhar very suitably replied.

Among the Grand Representatives, W. Bro. J. W. Speer appears for Alberta. Our own Grand Master, M. W. Bro. S. H. Middleton was welcomed as a guest and received with Grand Honors.

In the Grand Master's address appears the agenda of the Conference of Grand Masters of Masons in the United States held at Washington, D.C., on February 20th, 1929. While no information is given on any of the findings the agenda is a thought-provoking document.

He reports with pride that Montana is one hundred per cent paid up on the George Washington Memorial project.

Dealing with Masonic Education, he makes a remark we like and endorse:

"The art of intelligent conversation is being lost among the great masses of the people. Masons should not let this be said of them. The Masonic Lodge or club rooms should be the ideal place for talking about Masonry, but it often happens that, with the exception of the ritualism within the open lodge, nearly anything but Masonry is the principal topic of conversation.

"We, as Msns, have a great heritage. We should know it and appreciate it. This is the object of Masonic Education."

The De Molay and Rainbow organizations for boys and girls receive his kindly approval.

The formation of a Masonic Secretaries Association is noted.

Dual membership comes in for some comment but Grand Master Hagstrom does not favor it for Montana.

He rules that the installation of an elected officer is necessary when that officer succeeds himself. This is not our general practice in Alberta.

We are very glad to mark in the Grand Master's address a note of thanks—"pride in the silent workers in the subordinate lodges." These "silent workers" are, after all is said and done, the backbone of our Institution.

Successful progress of the Masonic Home is reported.

An oil painting of M. W. Bro. Edward C. Day, President of the Board of Trustees, was voted for the adornment of the Masonic Home.

We note with interest and gratification that our Grand Master was elected an Honorary Past Grand Master of Montana along with the Grand Masters of North Dakota and Minnesota. All three distinguished brethren suitably replied to the honor conferred and their remarks appear in full.

The report contains a valuable appendix dealing fully with the question of recognition of Foreign Jurisdictions.

There is a report on Foreign Correspondence in which Alberta receives brief but friendly mention.

Next annual communication at Missoula, August 20th-21st, 1930.

Grand Master, Daniel J. Muri, Helena.

Grand Secretary, Luther T. Hanberg, Helena.

A.M.M.

NEBRASKA

Seventy-second Annual Communication held at Omaha, June 4th to 6th, 1929.

In the Grand East, M. W. Bro. Frank H. Woodland, Grand Master.

Twelve Past Grand Masters were present at the opening of Grand Lodge. There were many distinguished guests, including the Grand Master of Missouri and dignitaries from the Order of the Eastern Star, the Royal Arch Chapter and the Royal and Select Masters.

Two Past Grand Masters are reported as having passed on since the last communication and dignified and sympathetic reference is made to them.

The Grand Master makes a special appeal for funds to pay up Nebraska's quota for the Washington Memorial which it is hoped to dedicate in 1930, the 200th Anniversary of Washington's birth.

The address is a careful and full document but contains matter which is of local interest only except possibly a ruling on a point which has caused some difference of opinion here. Says the Grand Master: "I hold that the Fellow Craft Degree could not be conferred on March 20th upon one who was initiated on February 20th without a dispensation from the Grand Master." The only question of lunar or calendar month.

In the Grand Secretary's report the issue of badges to thirty-three brethren who have been Masons for fifty years is noted. He also notes a separate compilation of the decisions of Grand Masters printed and sent to the lodges.

Out of 293 lodges, 27 are reported as having no delinquent dues.

In his closing remarks on "General Conditions" the Grand Custodian makes comment on a matter which is of interest to us:

"There are a few very small lodges whose jurisdiction is not sufficient to keep them going and with the improved highways, consolidation in some cases would seem to be the only satisfactory and logical answer." With this view we agree.

A pilgrimage by the entire membership present at Grand Lodge to the Masonic Eastern Star Home at Fremont was a feature of the sessions.

The Grand Oration from the lips of Bro. Norris Brown is a fine piece of oratory and has as its genesis the apparent disregard for certain laws in the United States and Freemasonry's attitude toward them. Regardless of whether we do or do not believe in the principle of national prohibition we heartily endorse Bro. Brown's remark when he says: "You will agree that it is the first duty of a Mason in his activities as a citizen to set an example of obedience to the laws of the country."

The question is the subject of a resolution unanimously adopted later in the proceedings: ". . . . Therefore be it resolved that the Freemasons of Nebraska in Grand Lodge assembled pledge our support to the laws of our country."

Conditions in the Masonic Eastern Star Home are reported as "most satisfactory and encouraging."

The conditions under which the Grand Lodge of Nebraska will grant recognition and fraternal relationship to a Foreign Jurisdiction are given in full.

We observe with interest a budget for the ensuing year.

The usual statistical tables and a report on foreign correspondence in which Alberta receives generous mention, rounds out an excellent report.

Next Communication at Omaha, June 3rd, 1930.

Grand Master, Ira C. Fleet, York.

Grand Secretary, Lewis E. Smith, Omaha.

A.M.M.

NEVADA

Sixty-fifth Annual Communication held at Reno on June 13th and 14th, 1929.

Charles F. Cutts, Grand Master.

Frank D. King, Grand Secretary.

23 Lodges. 3,039 members. Gain, 85.

The Grand Master reported Masonry in Nevada in a healthy condition. All the lodges had some work on the trestle-board and a comfortable meeting place, a cash balance on the right side of the ledger, and no outstanding debts unprovided for. Good deeds were evident in many lodges, and the spirit of Masonry translated into works. The officers of subordinate lodges were in many cases earnest young men, taking an intelligent interest and pride in their work, and looking to the future rather than to the past. The necessity of obedience to the law of the country was strongly emphasized, an obedience that springs from willingness rather than from compulsion. Masonic education was commended, and investment in libraries and magazines to that end was urged upon every lodge. The Grand Master maintained a high note throughout his address. The many appropriate quotations showed a wide range of reading.

The Grand Historian, Bro. D. E. W. Williamson, gave a very interesting report, dealing chiefly with the early history of Masonry in Nevada, and the struggles of the craft from fires and the uncertainties and fluctuations incidental to a mining State. He recalled that, due to the three fires in Virginia City in 1875 there was no meeting of Grand Lodge in that year, an event that probably is unique in the history of Grand Lodges.

The Committee on the Legitimacy of Grand Lodges recommended further consideration of the request of the National Grand Lodge, F. & A. M. of Roumania for recognition.

The Grand Secretary, as Commissioner of Review, recommended the principles for recognition of Foreign Grand Lodges, and these were later approved by the Grand Lodge.

The Grand Master's decision that a Mormon was eligible for Masonry was approved.

The Report on Fraternal Correspondence was presented by Bro. Frank D. King, Grand Commissioner of Review, and covers 71 Grand Lodges. Alberta received four pages in the Report, the Grand Commissioner quoting approvingly and extensively from the address delivered by Bro. John MacKay, Principal of Manitoba College, Winnipeg. This address is described as "One of the finest, most liberal Masonic documents that we have read."

C.V.B.

NEW BRUNSWICK

1928

Preceding the Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick, Free and Accepted Masons, two Special Communications were held. The first on Sunday, the 24th day of June, 1928, at the town of St. Andrew's, for the purpose of attending Divine Service. The Grand Master the Rev. James Vroom, M.A., at the opening said that the first lodge in what is now the Province of New Brunswick, except some under travelling warrants, was held in this town of St. Andrew's under an Irish Charter and attached to it was the first Conclave or Encampment of Knights Templar. They were called Hibernian Lodge and Encampment and their Banner still adorns the wall of the Lodge Room. The other Special Communication was held in the town of Grand Falls and was for the purpose of dedicating a new Masonic Temple.

The Sixty-first Annual Communication of the Ancient and Honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons opened at Freemasons' Hall in the city of St. John on Thursday, the 23rd day of August, 1928, M. W. Bro. Vroom, the Grand Master, presiding.

There were five Past Grand Masters in attendance and four Past Deputy Grand Masters. There were twenty-seven representatives of other Grand Lodges present. Alberta's Representative was not among these.

The Grand Master in his address records the passing during the year of three Past Grand Senior Wardens and two Past Grand Standard Bearers.

He had no appeals for special rulings during the year:

He advocates the holding of District Meetings and we can assure the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick that with us in Alberta the District Meeting has come to stay. The Committee on the Grand Master's Address approved the recommendation or rather suggestion and no doubt District Meetings will be held in the future.

He also brings to the attention of Grand Lodge what he calls a new form of Masonic Charity, the dealing with unemployment. "Here" he says, "is perhaps a good work within our reach which could be made to pay its own expenses by small contributions from the beneficiaries." He goes on to say, "I fear there is one evil custom increasing among us, that of admitting applicants who are not in a position to meet the cost of membership and to become regular contributors to Masonic Charities. I have known at least one case where the applicant borrowed money to pay his initiation fee. It would be better if an applicant were required to show that he is not only self-supporting, but that he has made some provision for the support of his family in case of his death, before his application could be considered."

We fear that quite a number are attracted by the thought that, not only would they be helped in business, but would also be provided for in sickness or old age and in case of death their family would be looked after. A sort of Charitable Insurance. The public know that Masons never allow a brother or his family to suffer want.

The Grand Master visited the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia at its annual session.

At the dedication of the Masonic Temple at Grand Falls, he tells us there were many visitors from other lodges including many from lodges in the neighboring State of Maine. From East to West this International visiting of the Craft is quite frequent and great good must be the result. It tends to bind still closer the bonds of brotherhood, and friendships are formed which last through life.

The Benevolent Fund of the Grand Lodge is in excellent shape. \$33,000.00 is invested which brings a revenue of about \$1,700.00 and as only some \$1,025.00 was expended during the year nearly one-third of the revenue was added to the principal.

The Board of General Purposes recommended the purchase of new regalia and this recommendation was adopted by the Grand Lodge.

A rather unique incident was disclosed when W. Bro. Chase presented his commission as Representative of the Grand Lodge of Maine near the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick. It is that while he is a member of a lodge in New Brunswick, he resides in the State of Maine only a short distance from his lodge. This is another instance of the "imaginary line" being imaginary only.

There is no printed report on Fraternal Correspondence.

Lodges, 43. Membership, December 27th, 1927, 6,028. Increase for the year, 13.

M. W. Bro. John Frederick Edgett was elected Grand Master.

R. W. Bro. J. Twining Hartt was re-elected Grand Secretary.

H.C.T:

NEW BRUNSWICK

1929

The Sixty-second Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of the Ancient and Honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons of New Brunswick was held in the Masonic Temple in the City of Moncton on the 22nd day of August, 1929.

The Grand Lodge was opened in ample form by the Grand Master M. W. Bro. J. Fred Edgett. There were three Past Grand Masters present and the representatives of seventeen Grand Lodges. Ours was not among these. There was a total attendance of 131.

In his address the Grand Master gives the names of three Past Deputy Grand Masters, two Past Grand Wardens, a Past Grand Sword Bearer and five Past Masters who have passed to the Great Beyond. "The year," he says, "has been one free from anything of a serious or contentious nature among the Masons of the Province, no appeals having reached the chair, which indicates that harmony prevails among the brethren. The year, however, has not been one without anxiety and loss to us as a fraternity, and it is still fresh in our memories the disastrous fire of January 26, 1929, when our beautiful Temple (the headquarters of Grand Lodge) was utterly destroyed by fire. The structure was erected in 1879, and for many years has been the home of the Masonic Fraternity of the Province of New Brunswick, and while steps are now being taken to replace the building, the many pleasing memories and associations linked with the old structure are now a thing of the past. The collection of the gallery of portraits of Past Grand Masters, some of them very valuable, and the work of eminent artists, were all destroyed, and in this our Fraternity suffered an irreparable loss."

After the fire, at an emergent communication of the Grand Lodge, a resolution was passed offering to transfer the site and to advance the sum of \$35,000.00 to any body or corporation which would undertake to rebuild the Temple. This offer was accepted by the Saint John Temple Limited and a new building is now being erected.

For many years the Grand Lodge has attended Divine Service on the Sunday nearest the 24th of June, Saint John the Baptist day. This year the meeting was held in the city of Moncton.

The Grand Master visited 30 of the 43 lodges in the jurisdiction. In summing up the situation he says, "I consider that the affairs of private lodges are in very fair condition. A large number of enthusiastic young men are now coming to the front in the lodges throughout the jurisdiction and good progress in Masonry should be made in the future. He recommends the appointment of a thoroughly competent person to the position of Ritual Instructor, this Instructor to travel about among the lodges and give his whole time to the work. Evidently the Committee on the Grand Master's Address were rather dubious as to how this would be received for the Report of this Committee says, "His recommendation that attention be given to the appointment of a Grand Lecturer is one that Grand Lodge might at least refer to the consideration of a committee appointed for that purpose." This report was adopted, but so far as we can see no further action was taken by the Grand Lodge. There is a committee called the Ritual Committee. We suppose this committee might take action.

Under the heading "Financial" the Grand Master says, that the financial position of Grand Lodge is now on a sound basis. After

paying all indebtedness and contributing \$35,000.00 to the new Temple. there will be about \$20,000.00 to be added to the Benevolent Fund. This fund is now nearly \$34,000.00 and with this large addition the fund will be in good shape. He urges that now is the time to consider very carefully what should be done to care for the ever-increasing number of aged and indigent Masons. Whether this should be met by the establishment of a Masonic Home or through some form of financial relief, are matters for the consideration of Grand Lodge. The Committee on the Grand Master's Address heartily endorse this suggestion and recommends that the matter be discussed at the next Annual Communication.

The Report of the Board of General Purposes through which a Committee on Benevolence works, shows the sum of \$1,675 expended for relief, a sum greater than in any other year, which is somewhat surprising as the Province is passing through a period of prosperity.

As the Grand Lodge regalia was destroyed by the fire, two new sets were purchased; one full dress at a cost of \$1,892.22 and an undress at a cost of \$633.41. \$2,400.00 insurance was collected on the regalia destroyed.

The Grand Secretary reports that eight dispensations were issued to confer degrees at shorter intervals than four weeks as required by the Constitution. We venture to say that this is eight too many.

The Grand Secretary's salary was increased to \$1500.00 per year.

Number of lodges, 43. Members, 6,051. Gain, 23.

J. Fred Edgett was re-elected M. W. Grand Master.

J. Twining Hartt was re-elected R. W. Grand Secretary.

H.C.T.

NEW HAMPSHIRE

The One Hundred and Fortieth Annual Communication of the M. W. the Grand Lodge of New Hampshire was held in the Masonic Hall, in the City of Concord, on Wednesday, May 15, 1929, with M. W. Bro. J. Melvin Dresser, Grand Master, presiding in the Grand East.

The address of the Grand Master is a record of his stewardship. in which he states the record of the past year has been uneventful. He opens his address with an exhortation to his brethren to "array ourselves with the forces of right, accepting the responsibilities that are ours because we are Freemasons; standing firmly behind all honest and worth-while public officials in the discharge of their duty, and let us live constantly and consistently, in strict accord with the constitution of our country."

He records the loss of four members of his Grand Lodge who have held official positions and whose loss they deeply mourn.

The Grand Master laid one corner stone and dedicated four lodge rooms during his year of office.

In common with other Grand Bodies, New Hampshire was able to come to the assistance of the flood sufferers of Florida and Porto Rico.

Under the heading of "Decisions" the Grand Master was called upon to give only two, both of which appertain to the same subject: that of using the lodge rooms for other than Masonic purposes. He held that "a hall, owned or leased by a Masonic lodge for their use as a place in which to hold their communications, is a Masonic Hall, whether dedicated or not; and all laws governing the use of Masonic halls, and set forth in the Constitution and the proceedings of Grand Lodge shall apply."

In January, 1929, New Hampshire celebrated the twenty-fifth year of the opening of their Masonic Home. The Grand Master speaks in glowing terms of this institution and because of generous bequests from brethren, the Home is in part self-supporting. This is indeed an accomplishment of which New Hampshire may feel justly proud.

New Hampshire publishes a Masonic Bulletin and the Grand Master is prone to chide the brethren somewhat for not accepting his suggestion of last year for each lodge to appoint a correspondent to report items for publication in the Bulletin. To overcome the difficulty of what should or should not be published the Grand Master dilates on the secrecy of Masonry. Notwithstanding his remarks we can have some sympathy with the lodges in hesitating to report their activities.

The demand for relief has been heavy and in only such cases as seemed imperative has assistance been given.

The Grand Master has a very high word of commendation for the Order of DeMolay. If we may be permitted to say so, we rather doubt the wisdom of fostering such an organization among the boys, especially in the name of Masonry. We do not doubt but that they are doing good work amongst their initiates, but what effect will it have on these boys in later life when they seek to enter the Masonic Lodge and find different conditions existing from those to which they have been accustomed.

On the par excellence service of the Grand Secretary and especially his friendliness, the Grand Master breaks into the poetic strain; to all of which we say hear! hear! for the office of Grand Secretary is no sinecure, and a Secretary of Bro. Cheney's capabilities is deserving of mention, whether in prose or in rhyme.

The reports of the District Deputies pursue the usual line and contain nothing but what is of local interest.

The report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence is from the pen of M. W. Bro. Harry M. Cheney and we thank him for his cordial review of Alberta and trust he will continue to enjoy himself when reading the Proceedings of Alberta.

George E. Danforth, Grand Master.

Harry M. Cheney, Grand Secretary.

Membership 15,486.

W.I.

NEW MEXICO

Fifty-first Annual Communication was held at Gallup on February 18th and 19th, 1929.

Samuel E. Wood, Grand Master.

Alpheus A. Keen, Grand Secretary.

57 lodges. 6,932 members. Gain, 240.

A very appropriate address of welcome to Gallup was delivered by Bro. Abraham L. Zinn, while Bro. Clifford N. Farrar, of Lebanon Lodge, No. 22, presented the key to the town.

Two corner stones were laid during the year.

New Mexico is 115 per cent in its contribution to the George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association. A good word is said for the Masonic Service Association, and the hope expressed that through it the situation in regard to tuberculosis in New Mexico may receive attention. The number of suspensions for non-payment of dues is causing anxiety. Members of subordinate lodges were earnestly enjoined to read the Proceedings of Grand Lodge, to study the Constitution and By-laws of Grand Lodge, and to elect competent secretaries. A change in the date of the Annual Communication from February to March was recommended, and later adopted.

The Grand Treasurer reported a balance on hand of \$8,134.85. The Masonic Relief Fund had spent \$6,649.01, and the Masonic Home Fund \$6,602.71. Total assets stand at \$155,584.11.

A very complete report was presented by Herbert B. Holt, President of the National Masonic Tuberculosis Sanatoria Association, the name of which has now been changed to Masonic Tuberculosis Association. A donation of \$21,878.90 from the Grand Master of New Jersey was received, and favorably commented upon. The brethren of New Mexico have a serious problem to deal with, and are resolutely attempting to discharge the heavy responsibilities devolving upon them.

The Report on Foreign Correspondence is presented by Bro. John Milne, Foreign Correspondent, who reviewed fifty jurisdictions. He failed to note Alberta.

C. V. B.

NEW SOUTH WALES

Proceedings of Grand Lodge ending June, 1929.

In July, 1928, M. W. Bro. Goulston concluded four years as Grand Master of this Grand Jurisdiction and retired in favor of His Excellency Lord Stonehaven, who assumed the office of Grand Master. M. W. Bro. Goulston took the office of Pro Grand Master.

M. W. Bro. Goulston in his retiring address as Grand Master mentioned, among others, the following interesting items: That Grand Lodge funds had increased during the previous four years by over £82,000, this not including their Benevolent Funds; paid up membership increased by over 13,000; in residence in the boys' and girls'

Orphan School were 327 orphans (by June of 1929 this was increased to 340); nearly £87,000 had been paid for the purchase of land and buildings in this connection and the upkeep for the schools during the past year was nearly £17,000; the Freemasons Benevolent Institution had 397 annuitants and the previous year had expended over £14,000 in relief; some hundreds of thousands of pounds have been spent in this jurisdiction during the past ten years in building Masonic Temples and now most of the lodges in the jurisdiction are housed in their own buildings. He refers with regret to the death of Lord Carrington, first Grand Master of the United Grand Lodge of New South Wales.

This reviewer notices with interest that V. W. Bro. John Campbell of that jurisdiction during a period of forty-four years had not missed a single meeting of his lodge, either regular or emergent, during the whole period.

Grand Lodge decided on the erection of a Masonic Temple at an estimated cost of £45,000.

The Proceedings contain a very ample and interesting review of Foreign Correspondence. This is taken up not by a review of the individual jurisdictions but refers to the various subjects of Masonic interest dealt with by the different Grand Lodges. Among the subjects dealt with are: Clandestine Masonry; Masonic jurisprudence; persecutions of Free Masons in Continental Europe, with special reference to Russia, Hungary and Italy (Germany is also mentioned in this connection); Masonic poetry; Condition of the Order—under this heading four pages are devoted to Alberta; and Masonic Homes in U.S.A.

Number of lodges, 630. Total membership, 69,229.

Grand Master, His Excellency Lord Stonehaven.

Grand Secretary, R. W. Bro. D. Cunningham, Sydney.

E.T.B.

NORTH CAROLINA

The city of Raleigh, January 15th and 16th, 1929, was the scene for the One Hundred and Forty Second Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge, A.F. & A.M. of North Carolina, M. W. Bro. R. C. Dunn, Grand Master, presiding. This Grand Lodge convenes at 7:30 p.m. for the first session and by close attention is able to conclude all business by the evening of the next day.

Lodges to be represented at Grand Lodge must have paid all assessments within two months of their due date. Thus we find that eighty lodges appear on the record as not being entitled to representation. Consolidation of weak lodges goes on apace in this jurisdiction, for during the year eight joined forces in forming four bodies with the hope of accomplishing greater virility. Indeed, upon the recommendation of the Grand Master a survey is to be made of all lodges and at the order of Grand Lodge, compulsory consolidation shall be effected where deemed advisable. For undisclosed reasons the charter of one "Bugaboo Lodge, No. 490," was arrested. A careless saying is that there is nothing in a name, but we are inclined to agree with Brother Oliver Day Street when he complains that too many lodge names are

casual, lacking in Masonic historical background and entirely without appropriateness. However worthy the members, none will regret the demise of such a name on the rolls.

The keen legal mind of the Grand Master, M. W. Bro. R. C. Dunn, is easily discerned, for avoiding all endeavor at verbosity and strained eloquence, the address is marked with clarity of thought and certainty of recommendation. Of his fourteen suggestions the following were either adopted or referred to committees for report next year:—

1. Revision of the burial service. The Grand Master complained of lack of attendance at Masonic funerals. North Carolina is not the only sinner and the principal causes are the time consumed in opening lodge, an unduly long grave-side service, and the necessity of having to return to the lodge for the purpose of closing down.

2. The making of a Masonic survey by the Educational Field Secretary.

3. Provision for holding the Annual Communication in other cities than Raleigh, when desirable, in order to stimulate greater interest.

4. For the incorporation of a Masonic foundation to receive gifts and bequests and administer the funds for the purposes of charity and education.

5. For commission form of trial.

6. For automatic expulsion of convicted felons without Masonic trials unless an appeal is made for same.

7. For a change of the Annual Communication from January to November or changing the time of elections in the subordinate lodges to December which would more or less synchronize the officers' terms in both bodies.

8. The appointment of a committee to consider the advisability of an authorized cipher. The Grand Master rightfully contends that the busy man (whom Masonry is too often sacrificing to outside organizations) has not sufficient time to prepare himself for office solely by learning the work from word of mouth and at the convenience of an instructor. And undoubtedly it will be a better work he will learn from the cipher.

9. To amend the code of physical qualification by permitting the admission of candidates maimed (except in sight, hearing or speech), capable of receiving instruction in the degrees. Not even the necessity of artificial substitutes for the lost members is to be required as it is contended that it is the internal and not the external qualifications which we should regard. A man may prove himself a Mason by explanation when unable to demonstrate.

The recommendation of the adoption of the custom by subordinate lodges of presenting candidates with a copy of the Holy Bible does not seem to have been dealt with. If, as Bruce Barton contends, this is the book everybody buys and nobody reads, and his statement is not seriously challenged, then another copy in the home will not cause it to be more generally read.

The work of the Educational Field Secretary receives a tribute from the Grand Master for its efficiency and the ability displayed, but

he states quite frankly that the needs of the Masons have been misinterpreted and that the lectures were away over their heads. His opinion is that these lectures should be elemental and fundamental, and we applaud him for his frankness. The average Mason is merely the average man of education, outlook and intellect and his mental food must be gauged by those premises.

Among decisions of interest were a unanimous ballot required to remit the dues of a suspended brother seeking reinstatement, not necessary by their code for members to sign the by-laws, and a lodge can require a brother suspended for N.P.D. to pay any sum, not in excess of the amount he would then owe the lodge had he not been suspended, before reinstatement.

The splendid type of work done at Oxford Orphanage is graphically illustrated in the following table of the family history of the children in the institution:

Whole orphans.....	129 children
Fathers dead, mothers unable to support.....	130 "
Mothers re-married, conditions unfit.....	54 "
Mother mentally and morally unfit.....	45 "
Both parents living, conditions unfit.....	13 "
Fathers crippled, mothers dead.....	7 "
Illegitimate.....	8 "
413 children	

Apparently there is an omission of 27 somewhere in this table. Of the 413, only 9 are the children of Masons. The net per capita cost per year after allowing of a profit of about \$7,500 from revenue producing departments was \$326.14.

At the Masonic and Eastern Star Home were 62 guests (18 over 80 years of age) who were maintained at a cost of \$410.09 each per year.

A peculiar recommendation from the Finance Committee which was adopted calls during 1929 and 1930 for a penalty of 1 per cent per month up to 10 per cent in one year upon all per capita dues unpaid after two months grace from the due date. The Grand Secretary is ordered to collect the interest and report to Grand Lodge. (A politician would say that the latter was putting teeth into the measure.) A safe prediction would be that this will prove a fruitful source of irritation and trouble.

By resolution, Grand Lodge decided to give full recognition to the Grand Lodge of Chile and the National Grand Lodge of Czecho-Slovakia with the usual exchange of representatives.

The death of Bro. W. W. Willson during the year proved a great loss to the jurisdiction as he had been a source of strength during his eleven years as Grand Secretary.

Lodges 420. Membership 41,350. Loss 186.

Grand Master, John Jasper Phoenix.

Grand Secretary, John H. Anderson.

V.H.M.

NORTH DAKOTA

Fortieth Annual Communication held at Grand Forks on June 18, 19, 20, 1929.

M. W. Bro. H. A. Merrifield, Grand Master.

M. W. Bro. Walter L. Stockwell, Grand Secretary.

129 lodges. 15,470 members. Gain, 11.

The Grand Master represented Alberta. Among the distinguished visitors were the Grand Masters of Minnesota and Montana, and Past Grand Master Mark Sison of Oklahoma. Seven 50-year Masons were received.

Peace and harmony had prevailed throughout the year. No corner stones had been laid, and no temples dedicated, a rather unusual circumstance. The net gain of only eleven in membership was the lowest during the existence of the Grand Lodge. Suspensions for non-payment of dues is becoming a serious problem. The number suspended this year was nearly 1,400 or 8 per cent of the total membership. This problem seems to be present in nearly all jurisdictions. A Committee on Membership was recommended for each lodge, with the necessary amendment to the by-laws.

M. W. Bro. W. H. Murfin was named Fraternal Correspondent in succession to Bro. George H. Phelps, deceased.

Bro. O. G. Libley, Professor of History at the University of North Dakota, was appointed Grand Lodge Historian.

A note of disappointment over the work of the National Masonic Service Association was sounded, and later the Grand Lodge voted, on the recommendation of the Jurisprudence Committee, to withdraw its membership.

The North Dakota Masonic Foundation, which has just recently been organized, bids fair to be a success. Interest is being shown everywhere in its work, which includes charity, benevolence, education and philanthropy.

The Grand Master closed his report with kind words for all his officers, with special mention of Past Grand Master Walter L. Stockwell, Grand Secretary, whose advice and counsel are indispensable.

The Grand Treasurer reported a balance on hand of \$14,160.12.

The Grand Secretary also commented on the number of suspensions for non-payment of dues, these having been 366 for 1928 as against 257 for 1927. He recommended that attempts should be made to have these brethren reinstate themselves. In two lodges twenty per cent of their membership had been suspended. The practice of allowing several years' dues to accumulate was condemned.

The Report on Masonic Service and Education was very interesting, and showed evidences of good work being accomplished, and progress being made.

The National Grand Lodge of Czecho-Slovakia was recognized, while the Grand Lodge of Santo Domingo must wait.

The report of Miss Richards, in charge of the Grand Lodge Library, is most interesting, especially that portion dealing with the exchange of

Peace Dolls between the children of the United States and Japan. The story of North Dakota's doll, Miss Okayama, was very charmingly told by Miss Richards before the opening of Grand Lodge on the last day of the Communication.

The Fraternal Correspondent, M. W. Bro. Walter H. Murfin, has entered upon his duties earnestly and seriously. Sixty Grand Jurisdictions are reviewed very fully. His comments are pointed, but kindly, as witness this in regard to Alberta's Grand Secretary, M. W. Bro. J. H. W. S. Kemmis, "His name extends from Heaven itself to Earth's remotest ends."

C.V.B.

NOVA SCOTIA

The Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons was held in the City of Sidney, on Wednesday the 12th day of June, 1929, M. W. Bro. John Currie MacKay Grand Master, presiding.

There were three Past Grand Masters present and the representatives of 24 Sister Jurisdictions. The representative of Alberta was not there.

The Grand Lodge, after opening, formed into procession and marched to St. Andrew's United Church and heard a sermon preached by the Grand Chaplain R. W. Bro. Rev. J. R. Millar.

In opening his address the Grand Master says, "My pride and pleasure in bidding you welcome is naturally enhanced by the circumstances that our Grand Communication today is being held at the city of my residence, in the lodge room in which I received my introduction into Masonry, and where I was first privileged to preside as a ruler of the Craft."

The Grand Master attended the ten District Meetings and reports the attendance better than usual, but not all that could be desired. Besides the District Meetings he visited a large number of the subordinate lodges.

He gives us a list of decisions most of which are of local interest. He ruled that a candidate who could not learn the lectures could not advance; the petition of a man with all the fingers of his right hand missing, could not be acted upon; a man with a stiff knee could be accepted.

He granted eight dispensations to confer degrees within the time limited by the Constitution; in most, both the Fellowcraft and Master Mason, the reason given, "leaving the jurisdiction." He also made twelve requests to sister jurisdictions to confer degrees on candidates who had left the Province, in nearly all cases having received the first degree only in their mother lodge. Here are upwards of twenty who, we venture to say, are hardly "uninfluenced by mercenary motives." We can come to no other conclusion.

Under the head of "Adjustments" the Grand Master states he submitted certain questions to the Board of Jurisprudence for their consideration and report.

(a) What is the correct official title of the M. W. Grand Master in this jurisdiction? Answer: The M. W. the Grand Master of Masons in Nova Scotia.

(b) Is it constitutional and proper Masonic procedure to dedicate rented halls? Answer: In 1889 the late Grand Master Moore gave a ruling against such and the Board recommends that this ruling be affirmed.

(c) Would it be advisable to amend the ruling relative to the correct position of the lesser lights adopted in 1927? Answer: The Board recommends that, in addition to the ruling that these be at the stations of the three principal officers, that they can also be placed at or near the altar, East, West and South.

The Board also upheld the ruling of the Grand Master that dispensations were not necessary for the holding of such events as dances, banquets, picnics, excursions, etc., which are essentially Masonic in character and fairs for purely Masonic purposes.

The Grand Master authorized the sum of \$300.00 to be sent to the Masons in Porto Rico for relief after the disaster in September, 1928.

In concluding an address, which faithfully sets forth all his doings, the Grand Master urges the members of the Craft to greater usefulness.

"The situation demands of us as Masons—as men who have been taught the highest principles of citizenship—our best efforts in the promotion of the common welfare.

"In the full realization of this let us apply ourselves earnestly and sincerely to the faithful discharge of our duties to God, our country, our neighbors and ourselves. For thus, and thus only, can we hope to win the approbation of conscience and justify our membership in this great Brotherhood, designed to develop Virtue, and to inculcate the practice of Truth and Love and Justice, to the end that Wisdom and Goodness may prevail and Happiness abound, now and in the vast Forever."

The Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia has the honor of having the only Masonic Home in Canada and she is proud of it. There are twenty-one guests in the Home and three are cared for outside. The Home has an endowment of nearly \$54,000.00. The buildings cost about \$23,000.00 and a fund of nearly \$24,000.00 has been collected to build an extension. The Board of Trustees were authorized to build an extension not to exceed the sum of \$60,000.00. Besides this the Grand Lodge has a benevolent fund of \$21,000.00.

The report of the Grand Historian, R. W. Bro. Harris is most interesting. He has done much work in recording the early Masonic history in Eastern Canada.

The report of the Board of Jurisprudence gives a list of twelve Grand Masonic Lodges in Europe and Central and South America asking for recognition. Of these the Grand Lodges of Vienna, Honduras, Guatemala and Peru were granted recognition in 1925, but no representatives were exchanged. The Board now recommends that these Grand Lodges be so notified and representatives exchanged. The Board recommends the recognition of the National Grand Lodge of France, the Grand Lodge of Chile and Czecho Slovak National Grand Lodge, and that recognition of the Gran Simbolica Independiente

Mexicana be not granted. As regards those of Jugoslavia, the Dominican Republic, Grand Orient of Portugal, Grand Orient of Romania and the Supreme Conselbro de Brazil the Board recommends further consideration.

The Order of the Eastern Star is still agitating the minds of our Eastern Brethren. This resolution was adopted:

"That the question of the status of the Masons of this jurisdiction with respect to the Order of Eastern Star be and is hereby referred to the Board of Jurisprudence; the finding of the Board to be submitted to the Grand Master for his guidance until the next annual communication of Grand Lodge."

We will await that finding with all due reverence. Our advice, and it will cost nothing, is to forget that there is such an organization as the Eastern Star.

M. W. Bro. L. M. McKinnon, P.G.M., of the Grand Lodge of Prince Edward Island was cordially welcomed and invited to take a seat in the East.

The Fraternal Correspondence is written by Bro. Jones the Grand, Secretary. This is his fifteenth. He reviews seventy jurisdictions covering 137 pages. The work shows careful study. Alberta Proceedings of 1928 is given careful attention. We thank Bro. Jones for his expressions of sympathy in the great loss we sustained in the death of our Grand Secretary, M. W. Bro. S. Y. Taylor.

Number of lodges, March 31st, 1929, 80. Members March 31st, 1929, 9,892. Gain for the year, 67.

Martin L. Fraser was elected M. W. Grand Master.

James Clarence Jones was re-elected R. W. Grand Secretary.

H.C.T.

OHIO

One Hundred and Twentieth Annual Communication held at Toledo, October 16th and 17th, 1929.

In the Grand East, M. W. Bro. Otto H. Hohly, Grand Master.

A feature of the opening exercises was the presentation to the Grand Master of a gavel made from oak grown on the estate of Lord Raglan in North Wales. M. W. Bro. Hohly is apparently a Welshman by birth.

A warm address of welcome from the City of Toledo was made by Bro. William C. Jackson, Mayor of the City. This received appropriate response from M. W. Bro. Edwin S. Griffiths, Past Grand Master.

The Grand Master opens his address by announcing that his policy had been to turn over as much of the responsibility as possible to his District Lecturers. "They, therefore, were directed to take charge of everything in their respective Districts" he says; "to not merely visit the lodge once a year for a prearranged inspection, but to become thoroughly familiar with every detail pertaining to the duties so plainly marked for them from the annual inspection to a close super-

vision of the finances and a general interest at all times. They healed differences, created harmony, and acted as mentor and guide." The plan seems to have worked very well, indeed.

The passing of the Deputy Grand Master and a Past Grand Master is sympathetically noted.

Eleven hundred medals were presented during the year to brethren who had completed fifty years of active membership. The value of these presentations is succinctly measured by the Grand Master in a paragraph: "On the nights when these medals were pinned on the coats of the veterans the lodge rooms were invariably filled with eager friends and Masons; old friendships renewed; frequent expressions voiced as to renewed interest being awakened; and a determination to keep that interest alive."

In his remarks on Masonic Education, that lusty perennial topic, the Grand Master's remarks are pointed. We quote two paragraphs:

"It impressed me as a great possibility for good when our membership can meet for business discussion and every one, due to a little training, can, without fear of ridicule, take his stand for or against a stated question; thus avoiding cliquism, strife and politics.

"When our ritualistic work is performed smoothly, and correctly interpreted by men trained for it, and that training acquired among our own brethren, we will be a long way on the road toward bringing back the interest now lacking and so often commented upon."

We note with modest interest this Grand Master presenting a recommendation identical with one we presented and saw, unfortunately we still think, rejected at our own Annual Communication of 1929.

Grand Master Hohly's recommendation reads: "I recommend that every lodge be required to establish a Charity Fund, built up by regular contributions required from its members so that when a request for charity is made the lodge will be in a position to respond."

Unnecessary advertising is tersely frowned upon when in regard to a postcard advertising the sender's business and bearing on the bottom the square and compasses, name and number of Lodge, the Grand Master remarks: ". . . the Laws of Masonry and good taste were grossly violated."

As to raffles, he sums up the situation in a sentence: "In the name of common pride, if we cannot pay our own way, why all but accept charity for our own amusement?"

We note that fraternal recognition is granted the "Grand Lodge Nationale Tchecoslovague."

The Report of the Historian offers comment on one phase of the apparent modern lack of interest in matters Masonic:

"The sentiment seemed very general (at three America-wide conferences on Masonic Libraries and Education) that Freemasonry in America was suffering from lack of interest on the part of the brethren, and that the support of the various bodies was lacking as a result. The opinion seemed to prevail based on a wide-spread evidence that the lodge must be made more attractive for the brethren, that they thereby might secure a more intelligent comprehension of what Freemasonry really is. Education in some direction seemed most essential. While the lodge may be made attractive by social festi-

vities, the impression prevailed that Masonic education in some form was of most vital importance. It was conceded that a large proportion of the brethren really have no actual conception of some of the more vital things in Freemasonry, and that the work of the lodge soon loses its interest for them. This was the reason for the absence of many of the brethren from the haunts of the Craft."

The paragraph quoted touches on a most important part of Masonic existence today. In every jurisdiction the apparent "lack of interest" is being discussed and ways and means of overcoming it are conned over and over. The subject is one to which we have given much study but we must say, regretfully, that after experience in study groups, Masonic History Study Circles, Associations for the spreading of Masonic knowledge, and the like, so long as we accept all men regardless of taste, inclination, education and intelligence, so long as we worship numbers instead of concentrated appreciation, just so long will we have complaint of lack of interest. In the last analysis, speculative Freemasonry, in the sense of its requirements in mental and spiritual capacity, its demand for educated taste in and desire for that side of life and living removed from mere physical necessity, is not for the masses and so when tacitly permitted to enter the unprepared flood will ebb and flow to the everlasting distress of those who seek "the light that never was on land or sea."

The report is full of voluminous statistical information of value to our Ohio brethren and an able resume of Foreign Correspondence in which Alberta receives generous and friendly mention completes a very fine volume.

Next Communication, Columbus, October 15th and 16th, 1930

James W. Morgan, Jackson, Grand Master.

Harry S. Johnson, Cincinnati, Grand Secretary.

A.M.M.

OREGON

Seventy-ninth Annual Communication held at Portland, June 12th, 13th and 14th, 1929.

Rex W. Davis, M. W. Grand Master.

D. Rufus Cheney, R. W. Grand Secretary.

172 lodges. 30,742 members. Gain, 414.

The Grand Master reported that fraternal relations among the constituent lodges and with other Grand Jurisdictions throughout the United States and the world had been most cordial, and that peace and harmony had prevailed throughout the year. Fitting reference to the deaths of two Past Grand Masters, James Corwin Fullerton, 1886-7, and Philip Schuyler Malcolm, 1894-5, was made and a tribute paid to their worth and sterling qualities. The cornerstones of two new schools had been laid during the year, and four Masonic Halls dedicated. A ceremony a little off the beaten trail was that of the Reeder Gulch Dam, at Ashland. A recommendation was made that the term District Deputy Grand Master be changed to that of District Supervisor, as more nearly reflecting the duties of these officers. The question of physical fitness for candidates for Masonry is again to the

front, with every indication that the bars will be let down for those who, while not possessing the physical qualifications now required of candidates, are yet men of standing in the community, possessed of worldly goods, and are no more potentially charity cases than are men who are physically whole. This seems to be in line with the modern trend of thought, as well as of ancient craft Masonry as practised in other jurisdictions. It also seems probable that dual, and even plural, membership will be permitted. A warning note was sounded in regard to subordinate lodges crippling themselves in building expensive temples. Our Oregon brethren show the same weakness as those of other jurisdictions. A unique feature of the Grand Master's term of office was the opportunity given him by Pacific Lodge No. 50, at Salem, to confer the Master Mason Degree upon his son.

The Grand Orator, Bro. David J. Ferguson, gave a very able address on the subject, "Masonry in Modern Civilization," with particular reference to the three distinctive ideals as represented by Russia, Italy and America.

All the funds reported on by the Grand Treasurer have very healthy balances, while the Grand Secretary reported the total assets of the Grand Lodge at \$920,819.79.

A resolution for the elimination of the Flag Ceremony from the Manual was defeated. We gather that this ceremony is in some cases being indifferently carried out.

The work of the Masonic Home was especially noted and commended. A very worthy work is being performed in caring for the helpless, and particularly the children.

The Report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence is presented by M. W. Bro. David P. Mason, P.G.M., and is very well written. Alberta is fully reviewed.

C.V.B.

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND

The Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of Prince Edward Island convened in the Masonic Hall at Hunter River on June 25, 1929, for the purpose of holding their Annual Communication.

The Grand Lodge was opened in Ample Form, the Grand Master, M. W. Bro. Peter Sinclair, presiding. There were eleven Past Grand Masters present and thirty-six representatives of other jurisdictions. Ours of Alberta was not among these.

After extending a welcome to the members of Grand Lodge the Grand Master, speaking of Masonry, says: "In every age and every clime it has vindicated its purity and demonstrated that its foundation is not on shifting sand, but laid by the Masonry of ages on the solid rock of Truth. Why should it not? No man can enter its portals without first acknowledging his belief in God; no Institution was ever raised on a better principle or more solid foundation. Its foundation, Truth. Its supports, Wisdom, Strength and Beauty. Its tenets, Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth; Cardinal Virtues: Temperance, Fortitude, Prudence and Justice. Its Jewels: Friendship, Morality

and Brotherly Love; and all through its teachings we find those priceless jewels which encourage its members to live better lives. They are the foundation stones upon which this grand structure is erected and which, unshaken, have sustained it in the past and will continue to sustain it in the future. It is founded on truth and therefore can never die."

The Grand Master visited every lodge in the jurisdiction with one exception and he says on two occasions he endeavored to visit this, but was prevented by weather conditions.

A Past Grand Master and four Past Masters died during the year. Nine dispensations were issued, four for attending Divine Service in regalia, three for conferring a degree within the time limit of the Constitution, one to elect and install an officer at a time other than prescribed.

The Grand Master records his disappointment in the cancelling of a proposed visit by the Grand Master of Canada in Ontario and his regret at not being able to visit the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia during their Annual Session. We feel that the intervisiting of Grand Masters is excellent, and, while we think that the visiting between Grand Masters of the Provinces and the United States should receive every encouragement, yet an even greater effort should be made for inter-provincial visits. To make these visits feasible some of the Grand Lodges of the Provinces need to change their date of meeting. June seems to be a favorite month; Nova Scotia, Manitoba and Alberta meet in the second week; British Columbia and Saskatchewan meet in the third; Prince Edward Island in the fourth and New Brunswick has their meeting in August. If the three Grand Lodges in the three Maritime Provinces could have their meetings in three successive weeks all could be visited in the one trip. In the West there does not seem to be any real reason against arranging their meetings in successive weeks so that all could be visited in the one trip. Ontario meets in July, Quebec in February. Perhaps these two could be arranged to meet in successive weeks and both visited on the one trip. Such visits should prove of great value. If the Grand Master could not attend he should appoint his Deputy or some other officer or past officer to go in his place.

The Grand Lodge has a Benevolent Fund of about \$12,000.00. This year \$480.00 was disbursed in benevolence.

Application for recognition was received from the Czecho Slovak National Grand Lodge of Freemasonry of Prague. The Committee on Jurisprudence, to whom the application was referred, recommended that the application stand over until the next Annual Communication.

The Grand Secretary was given an increase of \$100.00 in salary.

There is no report from the Committee on Grievance and Appeal which speaks well for the Craft in the Island.

The incoming Grand Master announced that he would present a shield for proficiency in work, to be awarded to the lodge making the highest number of points in accordance with a schedule which will be supplied to each lodge, the shield to be the property of the lodge who wins it two successive years and the judging to be by two Past Grand Masters and the Grand Lecturer.

There is no Fraternal Correspondence.

Lodges, 15. Members, 1,226. Gain for the year, 2.

G. Elliott Full was elected M. W. Grand Master.

Ernest Kemp was re-elected R. W. Grand Secretary.

H.C.T.

QUEBEC

The Most Worshipful the Grand Lodge of Quebec, Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons, held its 59th Annual Communication in the City of Montreal on the 13th day of February, 1929, M. W. Bro. Henry Willis, Grand Master, presiding.

Eight Past Grand Masters were present and thirty-six representatives of other Grand Jurisdictions. Among these we were pleased to note was R. W. Bro. Sornberger, the representative of Alberta.

During the year the Grand Lodge lost by death a Past Grand Master and eight other Past Grand Officers. M. W. Bro. Manson, P.G.M., was born in 1842 and was 64 years a Past Master. This is a remarkable record.

In his address Grand Master Willis tells us that during the year he has travelled over 7000 miles in carrying out his work. He constituted five lodges and instituted one.

He attended the 125th anniversary of Golden Rule Lodge No. 5, at Stanstead, Quebec, at which there was a large gathering of Masons with many visitors from the neighboring Grand Lodge of Vermont. What was unique about the celebration was that the banquet was held at Darby Line in the State of Vermont and after the banquet a reception and dance was held in the Town Hall at Stanstead.

The Grand Master attended all the District Meetings except two.

On October 20, 1929, the Grand Lodge of Quebec reaches its 60th birthday. The Grand Master recommends that the incoming Grand Master be authorized to make the arrangements to fittingly celebrate this event in a manner worthy of the occasion.

In speaking of the scope and philosophy of Masonry Bro. Willis says: "There must then, in the nature of the case, be something peculiar, something extraordinary in its nature and character, which adapts it to all classes and conditions of good men and which for long years have given it strength, power and influence among the best and most enlightened of mankind.

"It must strike a cord in human nature well nigh universal, which causes a quick response, and which was implanted in the heart by the Most High for a good and beneficent purpose.

"This mental machinery, this unseen reasoning force comes into action and binds men, cultured in every point, to Masonry, and gives them enjoyment and satisfaction in its ceremonies, in loving, teaching and expounding its nature and principles, and perhaps while they may not tell how or why it is so, nevertheless they feel the inspiration and are neither ashamed of it nor willing to ignore it."

The address of the Grand Chaplain, R. W. Bro. Rev. George Smith, B.D., is a masterly effort. His subject, "The Soul's Enfranchisement" is ably dealt with.

M. W. Bro. Williamson, P.G.M., Grand Secretary, in his report tells us that the total income for the past year is the largest ever recorded, \$18,028.25, an increase over last year of \$325.50. He completes his tenth year as Grand Secretary and during those ten years Masonry has made great progress in the Province. The membership during this time has increased 68 per cent, the number of lodges 35 per cent and revenues 82 per cent. This exceeds the record of any two former decades.

He adds, "Perhaps the most outstanding feature of our progress is the fact that we have several active lodges in localities where ten years ago there was no English-speaking population.

The Grand Lodge has assets amounting to \$280,474.18.

The Committee on Foreign Relations reported that application for recognition had been received from Sweden, Norway, Denmark, National Grand Lodge of France and the French Dependencies, Chili and Peru, and recommends that these Grand Lodges be accorded full recognition and that representatives be exchanged. This report was unanimously adopted.

That Dean of Fraternal Correspondents, M. W. Bro. E. T. D. Chambers, P.G.M., gives us his 42nd Review, 134 pages in which he reviews 63 Grand Jurisdictions, some for two years. The work is exceedingly well done. We think Bro. Chambers is a lover of poetry for he gives many beautiful gems which he has taken from the various proceedings. We were, however, startled when we came to the review of Nova Scotia and found it dated "Proceedings of 1298." We knew that Bro. Chambers was a veteran, but hardly that old so we concluded that it must be the mistake of the printer. The 1928 proceedings of Alberta is included. We hope to read very many more reviews from the pen of Bro. Chambers.

Number of Lodges, December 31st, 1928, 89. Number of members, December 31st, 1928, 15,512.

Henry Willis was re-elected M. W. Grand Master.

W. W. Williamson, P.G.M., was re-elected R. W. Grand Secretary.

H.C.T.

RHODE ISLAND

The One Hundred and Thirty-ninth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of the Most Ancient and Honourable Society of Free and Accepted Masons for the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations was held in Freemasons Hall, Providence, on Monday, the 20th day of May, A.D. 1930. M. W. Bro. Edwin O. Chase, Grand Master.

Distinguished visitors present included the Grand Masters of New Jersey and Connecticut, each of whom were accompanied by several other Grand Lodge officers in their respective jurisdictions.

The Grand Master's address consisted entirely of a detailed report of his official acts and activities during his year of office. It is evident that, notwithstanding the jurisdiction is small in geographical dimension and comprises only forty-four lodges, yet the Grand Master has spent a very busy year, keeping in close touch with the Craft in every part of the jurisdiction. He also made eight visits to outside jurisdictions during his term of office. Conditions are favorable to fraternal visits by Grand Masters and other Grand Lodge officers to nearby jurisdictions, owing to the shortness of the distance to be travelled in making such visits, especially in view of the modern facilities provided by motor cars and good roads. In the jurisdictions in Western Canada hundreds of miles have to be travelled to make such a fraternal visit, which necessarily involves not only considerable time but also very

considerable expense. We are pleased to note that in the New England and Atlantic seaboard States fraternal courtesies of this kind are seized in great measure, resulting in a very fine spirit of co-operation between these jurisdictions.

The Grand Master decided in two cases where candidates had been declared rejected by foul ballots, which were alleged to be errors, that re-consideration of a ballot regularly declared foul was not in order, and that the candidates must await until their petitions could again be legally presented before the lodge in accordance with the regulations of Grand Lodge.

Indicative of the growth of the financial aspects of Masonry in Rhode Island is the fact that legislation was sought and obtained from the State Legislature authorising the Grand Lodge to hold property to the amount of \$1,500,000.

Grand Master Chase seriously questioned the wisdom of Rhode Island continuing to support the National Masonic Service Association, but left the question open for the incoming Grand Master and Grand Lodge to decide.

In his address the Grand Master sets out the agenda which was presented to the Conference of Grand Masters which was held in Washington on February 20th, 1929, covering the following subjects:

1. Grand Lodge Charity Funds for Relief.

Under this heading the scope of relief work, the manner in which funds should be raised, and other phases of this general topic, were discussed.

2. Masonic Education.

The importance of libraries, magazines and books in this connection, as well as the use of Educational Secretaries of Directors, was considered.

3. New Organizations Predicating their Membership on Freemasonry.

This topic provided an opportunity for a general discussion as to how far the Grand Lodge should go in regulating other organizations or in prohibiting membership in organizations, which organizations might have a tendency to injure the good name of Masonry.

4. Masonic Temples.

This topic was discussed with a view to determining what action Grand Lodge should take to control the building of Masonic Temples by subordinate lodges and to regulate the raising of funds for such purpose.

5. The Relationship of Masonic Fraternity to the Youth of America.

The discussion centred upon the Order of De Molay and other similar organizations, and the ways and means of interesting desirable young men without proselytism."

Referring to the loss in membership through suspensions, the Grand Master says, "Not only should the Master and Investigating Committee assure themselves that the applicant is of desirable moral character, but they should also satisfy themselves of his ability to meet his financial obligations both in and out of the lodge."

The reports of the seven District Deputy Grand Masters all indicated considerable activity, and favorable conditions generally, in the lodges throughout the jurisdiction. The report of the Finance Committee, and also the reference to finances in the Grand Master's address, indicate this Grand Lodge is in a very satisfactory condition regarding its financial resources for all branches of its work.

Grand Representatives of twenty-five other jurisdictions were present, Alberta not being represented.

There appears in these Proceedings a very interesting report of the Trustees of the Educational Fund. From this report it appears that Scholarships have been granted to eighty students, fifty-eight to young men and twenty-two to young women, and that twenty-five Universities and Colleges were represented by these students. The total amount awarded in these eighty scholarships was \$21,200. It appears that the sum of \$18,852.00 was received in the year ending April 30th, 1929, from the lodges in the jurisdiction, and after making these awards the Trustees had on hand over \$45,000.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence recommended that fraternal relations with the Grand Lodge of Porto Rico be renewed, and an exchange of Representatives be accorded and requested.

No review of the Proceedings of other jurisdictions is contained in these Proceedings.

Number of lodges, 44. Total membership, 19,021. Net increase, 169.

M. W. Bro. Arthur S. Vaughn, Grand Master.

R. W. Bro. Harold L. McAuslan, Grand Secretary.

F.S.S.

SASKATCHEWAN

The Twenty-third Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan, Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons convened in the City of Prince Albert on the 19th day of June, 1929. The Grand Master, the Rev. Canon J. K. Irwin, presided.

Fifty years ago the first Masonic lodge was organized in the territory which is now the Province of Saskatchewan. This lodge, called Kinistino, was situated in Prince Albert and is now number one on the Registry of the Grand Lodge. The dispensation was issued by the Grand Lodge of Canada in Ontario, but the charter was granted by the Grand Lodge of Manitoba. Two of the three charter members now living were present as guests of the Grand Lodge. The veteran brethren were duly introduced to Grand Lodge and were warmly welcomed by the Grand Master and given the Grand Honors. The third could not be located in time to have him present.

M. W. Bro. W. H. Wardrope, P.G.M., the personal representative of the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Canada in Ontario and the Grand Master of Manitoba, M. W. Bro. W. Douglas, were duly received and welcomed. Later in the proceedings both of these distinguished brethren delivered eloquent and thoughtful addresses which are printed in full.

In the proceedings there are portraits of the presiding Grand Master, the Grand Master elect, the Grand Secretary, four of the charter members of Kinistino and of the first two initiated into Kinistino Lodge in 1879.

The Mayor of Prince Albert in his address of welcome gave a very interesting history of the early days of the city.

After extending a welcome to the members, the Grand Master said the Grand Lodge had suffered the loss by death of a Past Grand Master M. W. Bro. Alexander Sheppard, and three Past District Deputy Grand Masters. He states he attended all the District Meetings accompanied by the Grand Secretary. The Question Box proved very interesting and instructive. At the afternoon meeting the third degree was exemplified. The evening was given over to addresses and general information. Owing to the rapid growth in three of the Districts the Grand Master organized a new District Number 17 from the Districts numbered 2, 12 and 14. Four new lodges were constituted. The corner stone of a new Temple was laid and later in the year the Temple was dedicated.

The Grand Master gives the following ruling in a matter of balloting. Two candidates were balloted on jointly and found unfavorable, but was not declared. Then taken separately, the first ballot proved unfavorable and was so declared. Later after a resolution had been passed unanimously another ballot was taken on this same candidate and was found favorable and was so declared. The Grand Master declared the proceedings null and void. Taking into consideration the fact that it was the first time the Master had presided and in consequence was exceedingly nervous the Grand Master treated it as an exceptional case. He ordered the name to appear on the notice calling the next regular meeting and instructed a dispensation to be issued for this purpose. He adds, "It must be clearly understood that once the ballot is declared it is absolutely final. A motion to re-ballot is entirely out of order and must not be allowed by the Worshipful Master. It must also be remembered by all brethren and officers that there can be no discussion whatsoever with reference to the ballot and every member present is required to vote."

He refused to approve an amendment to the by-laws of two lodges which said the regular meetings shall be monthly, except the months of July and August. He held it was *ultra vires* of the Constitution and of the word and spirit of their Charters.

In answer to a question as to where the corner stone should be placed, when the building faces the West, he said it should be in the North East corner of the building and that the facing of the building made no difference with regard to the position of the stone. This is not the rule in several other jurisdictions.

He also ruled that where a brother, suspended for non-payment of dues applied for reinstatement, remitting the amount of arrears and was rejected, the money should be returned to him. This also is different from the rulings in some other jurisdictions. The money is a debt due the lodge and value was given for, while it was being incurred the brother had all the rights and privileges of a member, therefore the lodge should keep the money. We think that in such cases a dimit should be issued to him. Probably the lodge could not do this, but Grand Lodge could and should. The brother should in all fairness be put in a position to affiliate with some other lodge. His rejection is often a question of peevishness or spite on the part of some members of the lodge.

The Grand Master has this high commendation of the work of the Committee on Masonic Study and Research:

"For many years the Committee on Masonic Study and Research under the able leadership of R. W. Bro. Rawlinson has given the lodges much valuable assistance and information. Its members are all busy men who have given of their best to enable the brethren of this jurisdiction to satisfy an ever-increasing hunger along Masonic lines. I wish to commend most warmly their labors of the past year."

We wish that we had space to give the report of this committee in full. The subject for study this year, the chairman says, will be the "Landmarks of Masonry and the Ancient Charges." Monthly topics are arranged starting with,

November: "The Data of the Masonic Landmarks." A very excellent essay is written by M. W. Bro. W. M. Martin on this subject, telling of what lies behind the Masonic regulations as we now have them.

December: "Nature and Division of the Landmarks." An outline on this is given by V. W. Bro. G. H. Glover.

January: "The Various Divisions of the Landmarks." This subject is dealt with by R. W. Bro. N. R. Craig.

February: "How the Landmarks are often Unknown or Misunderstood" is explained by V. W. Bro. H. M. Underhill.

March: "The Landmarks and Progress." This is treated by W. Bro. R. W. Asselstine.

April, May and June are given over to the study of the Ancient Charges. The first "God and religion" is very thoroughly outlined by M. W. Bro. N. B. Williams. The second, "Masonry and Citizenship" is ably dealt with by M. W. Bro. Martin. The third, "Of Lodges" and the fourth, "Of Masters, Wardens, Fellows and Apprentices," is explained by R. W. Bro. C. L. Riach. The fifth and sixth, "Management of the Craft" and the "Behaviour of Members" is by M. W. Bro. J. W. MacNeill.

All this was put into circulars and sent to the lodges with the request that some brother in the lodge prepare a paper on the subject for the month and after it is read a general discussion to follow. This seems to us an excellent plan and great good must have resulted to the members.

The very excellent report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence is written by M. W. Bro. W. B. Willoughby, P.G.M., and R. W. Bro. M. A. MacKay, P.D.D.G.M. They review the proceedings of 57 Grand Jurisdictions. The Alberta Proceedings of 1928 is among these.

Number of lodges, 196. Members, 14,585. Increase for the year, 373.

J. Orville Clarke was elected M. W. Grand Master.

W. B. Tate, P.G.M., was re-elected R. W. Grand Secretary.

H.C.T:

SCOTLAND

The Reports of Proceedings are for May, August and November, 1929.

At the Quarterly Communication held on May 2nd a report of the deputation that went to South Africa was given by M. W. Bro. Brig. Gen. Sir Robert Gilmour. They officially attended several District Grand Lodges as well as individual lodges. They report that they received a wonderfully cordial welcome everywhere and remarked on the excellence of the Work observed and the harmony which exists between all the lodges of the four different Constitutions which are working in South Africa.

The death of R. W. Bro. David Reid, Past Grand Secretary, was reported. He held office for twenty-five years before retiring.

This Grand Lodge finds its income barely sufficient to meet expenditures and the Committee on Finance recommends an increase in certain fees.

In November, Grand Lodge and Scottish Masonry suffered a severe loss in the death of their Grand Master Mason, Lord Blythwood, K.C.V.O., who died very suddenly shortly after attending a Masonic meeting, almost on the completion of his term of office. He had not been in good health for some years, but in spite of that had faithfully attended the duties of his office. A Funeral Grand Lodge was held to honor his memory and the record shows what an impressive and solemn ceremony it was.

The reports of District Grand Masters show that the lodges generally are maintaining their position, in spite of the difficulties of the moment, such as the trade depression which has retarded business activities in all lines. The reports of the District Grand Masters from overseas districts all speak of the harmony and fraternal feeling existing between the lodges of different constitutions, English, Irish and Scotch lodges working beside each other in friendly accord and not only that but in New Zealand and Australia working in harmony with the Grand Lodges now in existence there. These Masonic Bodies by this example of fraternity must be of great importance in the network of Masonry spread around the globe. For instance, in Western Mediterranean District the D.G.M. reports, "We were most hospitably entertained by the Irish lodges and would have been so by the English had time permitted." This was in Malta. Again in New Zealand the Grand Master officially attended the Installation Ceremony of Lodge St. Andrew, under the Scottish Constitution.

There is no review of Foreign Correspondence.

M. W. Grand Master Mason, Bro. H. A. Hagart Speers of Elderslie, V.L. J.P.

Grand Secretary, R. W. Bro. T. G. Winning, Freemasons' Hall, Edinburgh.

J.H.W.S.K.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA

A Special Communication of Grand Lodge was held on the 6th of September, 1928, to welcome M. W. Bro. His Excellency Lord Stonehaven, P.C., C.G.M.C., Grand Master of the United Grand Lodge of

New South Wales. There was a very full attendance. In reply to the address of welcome Lord Stonehaven said in part,—

"He welcomed very much the opportunity thus afforded him, not merely of maintaining his connection with the Craft, but above all of being actively associated with a Fraternity whose loyalty was proverbial and whose influence for good in the community was enormous," and

"He felt that there was a close analogy between the principles which bound them together as Masons and those which united them as citizens of the Empire. In both cases the underlying principle was the combination of union and freedom—the voluntary assumption of obligations, the pursuit of high ideals, and the close co-operation of autonomous units for the benefit of the whole brotherhood."

The half-yearly Communication of Grand Lodge was held the 17th of October, 1928. The Grand Master referred to the satisfactory increase of 918 members during the year. As he says, not a record, but satisfactory if it represents the truth; that is so many persons fit and proper to be made Masons added to their number. He points out the impropriety of detailed notices of lodge meetings, also the impropriety of holding banquets or social gatherings to which other-than Free Masons are admitted.

The Grand Lecturer gave addresses in nineteen different lodges in the course of the year.

The Benevolent Fund amounts to over \$50,000, the building fund to over \$250,000. During the year, the Benevolent Fund paid out over \$6,000.

The Grand Master was re-elected for the ensuing twelve months.

The Grand Master approved the recommendation of the Third Australian Masonic Conference at Sydney, advising that membership of lodges should not exceed 150, the object being that members would have a better chance to become better acquainted.

The report contains a Review of the Proceedings of sister Grand Lodges in which Alberta is duly recognized.

Grand Master M. W. Bro. Hon. Justice Napier.

Grand Secretary, R. W. Bro. C. R. J. Glover.

E.T.B.

SOUTH CAROLINA

The One Hundred and Ninety-second Annual Communication of the M. W. Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free Masons of South Carolina was held in Charleston on March 13 and 14, 1929, M. W. Bro. William A. Giles, Grand Master.

Alberta's representative was not recorded as being present. Of the 290 subordinate lodges, 270 were represented.

As a prelude to the opening of Grand Lodge, the Grand Chaplain delivered a devotional address the theme of which was "unbounded faith in Divine leadership." Speaking of world economic and moral conditions, he continues, "And what of Masonry today? Her Temples

are feeling the reaction which is reflecting itself in empty lodge rooms, lack of interest and appreciation, and multiplied thousands of suspensions for non-payment of dues. What does it all mean? Either that the world is in an agony of death or that it is experiencing the labor pains of a new birth. Those of us who have faith in God believe that His word standeth sure and that the divine plan shall not miscarry. God is profoundly interested in this world and in the multitude of His creatures. The masses are the victims or the beneficiaries of their leaders. It is ours to rescue the leadership of men from selfishness and vice to glory and virtue. Faith alone will guarantee the victory."

Among the distinguished visitors attending were two Past Grand Masters from Georgia and two Past Grand Masters from North Carolina.

There can be found no trace of sorrow or bitterness in the Grand Master's address, despite the fact disclosed by a committee that during the year death had invaded his family and later the home was destroyed by fire in which most of his records were lost. Someone has said that, "he is great who stands all unmoved amid the crash of falling ruin."

Grand Lodge possesses a relic of historic value known as the Lafayette trowel (doubtless it is related to him whom Carlyle designated as the patriot of two continents) which is used in the laying of corner stones of special significance. During the year it was used twice, one of which occasions was the laying of a corner stone of a bank upon the site of Shepherds Tavern, which was instituted, in 1736, Solomon's Lodge No. 1, and in 1801 was organized the Mother Council of the World of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish rite of Freemasonry.

The following decisions of M. W. Bro. Giles are of interest:— If lodge dues are payable in advance, the member becomes twelve months in arrears the day following the end of the Masonic year. Citizenship in the United States is not a pre-requisite in candidates for Masonry, as ours is a universal Fraternity. South Carolina permits lodges to initiate, without fee, ministers of God. One student minister, who after receiving his Entered Apprentice degree without fee, wandered to the barbering trade, got the lodge in a quandary as to whether he should be made to pay for the balance of his degrees. The Grand Master "passed the buck" back on the lodge with the information that it was in the control of the lodge. He refused to sanction a by-law which would penalize a member who failed to pay his dues by a certain date. We have known lodges that gave discounts for dues paid by certain dates and it has always to us smacked too much of commercialism, like paying gas, light and water accounts.

Slackness in the building trades enabled Grand Lodge to erect at State Park a 16-bed T. B. Unit for men at \$8,000 instead of the 10-bed at \$10,000 as was planned last year. It is now proposed to erect a 28-bed unit for women at about \$20,000. The rooms are being furnished by individual lodges at about \$100 per room. That is real Masonry for you!

Just why the Jurisprudence Committee failed to agree with the Grand Master that it was the duty of the lodge to have visitors present dues card or certificate of standing before being admitted, is not clear. One knows of too many dimitted Masons who are getting by on the cheap, taking in every "big night" and who when adversity comes are the first to ask for Masonic charity.

Dual membership is a matter of dispensation in South Carolina: The Grand Master states that he had many requests but most were refused because he did not consider the reasons given of sufficient importance

The Committee on Fraternal Correspondence submitted the following to be the standard of recognition:—

Fraternal recognition may be extended to a Grand Lodge when it appears to the satisfaction of this Grand Lodge, a Committee having first considered and reported thereon:

1. That such Grand Body has been formed lawfully by at least three just and legally constituted lodges, or that it has been legalized by a valid act issuing from the Grand Lodge of South Carolina, or from a Grand Body in fraternal relations with this Grand Lodge.

2. That it is an independent, self-governing, responsible organization with entire, undisputed and exclusive and administrative authority over the symbolic lodges within its jurisdiction.

3. That it makes Masons of men only.

4. That it requires conformity to the following which the Grand Lodge of South Carolina considers necessary in a Masonic body:—

- (a) Acknowledgment of a belief in God the Father of all mankind.

- (b) Secrecy.

- (c) Division of symbolic Masonry into the three degrees.

- (e) The legend of the third degree.

- (f) That its dominant purposes are charitable, benevolent, educational and for the worship of God; and that it excludes controversial politics and sectarian religion from all of its activities under its auspices.

- (g) The Sacred Book of the Divine Law of its country, chief among its three great lights of Masonry, indispensably present in the lodges while at work.

5. That it occupies exclusively its territorial jurisdiction or else shares the same with another by mutual consent; and that it does not presume to extend its authority into, or presume to establish lodges in a territory occupied by a lawful Grand Lodge, without the expressed consent of such supreme governing Masonic body.

The York Grand Lodge of Mexico, the Grand Lodge of Vienna and the Grand Lodge of Chile were voted recognition.

Past Grand Master J. L. Michie, who for seventeen years so ably filled the office of Grand Correspondent, was gathered to his fathers during the year. M. W. Bro. J. T. Harmon as his successor was not in receipt of Alberta proceedings in time to include a review in his splendid maiden effort.

Membership 29,698. Loss 150.

Grand Master, M. W. Bro. William A. Giles.

Grand Secretary, R. W. Bro. O. Frank Hart.

V.H.M.

SOUTH DAKOTA

Fifty-fifth Annual Communication, held at Mitchell, on June 11th and 12th, 1929.

St. Clair Smith, M. W. Grand Master.

Geo. A. Pettigrew, R. W. Grand Secretary.

177 lodges (including 1 U.D.). 19,779 members. Gain, 72.

The Grand Master of North Dakota, accompanied by several other high officers from that Grand Jurisdiction, was present, in memory of the separation of the Grand Lodge of the Dakota Territory into the Grand Jurisdictions of North Dakota and South Dakota, which event took place in Mitchell forty years ago.

The Grand Master's address is one of the most thoughtful and masterly that has come to our notice. He does not think that all is well with Masonry, as is evidenced by the poor attendance at meetings out of all proportion to the number of members in the lodge, an increase in the number of suspensions and delinquencies, and a decrease in the number of brethren raised. This is the position, in spite of the wonderfully enlarged opportunities for achievement, and it is not due, in his opinion, to the sustained financial depression of an agricultural community, as men can still find money for luxuries, and seem eager to join other organizations espousing other ideals of service. New methods must be devised for attracting and holding the interest of men. Everything in the present day life has outgrown the prairie schooner state, and only Masonry has remained unchanged. Reorganization has become a necessity. The Grand Master deplors the divisions among Masonry, and thinks that it would be of great advantage if Masonic life and activities were centered in the lodge of Master Masons.

Recognition was extended to the Grand Lodge of Jugo-Slavia, and deferred to the Grand Lodge Valle de Mexico and Grand Lodge of Santo Domingo.

All but three of the dispensations granted by the Grand Master were approved.

Bro. A. H. Tufts submitted his fifth Annual Report on Fraternal Correspondence, in which the proceedings of sixty-four Grand Jurisdictions are reviewed with every evidence of care and sympathy. Alberta is fully noted.

C.V.B.

TASMANIA

A Special Communication of Grand Lodge was held at Hobart on the 29th day of January, 1929, to receive and extend a welcome to the M. W. Grand Master of the United Grand Lodge of New South Wales, M. W. Bro. Lord Stonehaven, Governor-General of the Commonwealth of Australia.

The Annual Communication was held at Hobart on the 23rd of February, 1929. M. W. Bro. Hon. Claude James, M.H.A. Grand Master, presiding.

The last half of the year 1928 there was a net increase of membership of 132, making the total membership 3964.

The Board of General Purpose being asked for a ruling as to the display of the National Flag in lodge rooms, pointed out that there was no precedent for the display of any emblem in lodge rooms other than those that are strictly Masonic.

Grand Lodge is preparing a history of Masonry in Tasmania, for the Fraternity's Centenary in 1935.

The capital account of the Board of Benevolence shows a balance of over \$50,000 and current payments for the year of over \$6,000. Several loans to lodges for the purpose of building Masonic Temples are approved by the Board. The Grand Secretary read in open lodge the names of brethren excluded from their respective lodges for non-payment of dues.

The new Work for the jurisdiction was unanimously adopted.

It was resolved that the "Drill Book of Craft Masonry" be altered from time to time so that it would be brought in line with the Work.

Among other recommendations of the Third Australian Masonic Conference held at Sydney in July, 1928, were the following:

The Order of the Eastern Star—

(a) That no Freemason be permitted to attend any meeting of, or be a member of, the Order of the Eastern Star.

(b) That no meeting of the Order of the Eastern Star be permitted in any lodge room.

Limitation of Members—

(a) That this Conference reaffirms that it is not desirable that lodges should become so large in numbers as to prejudice members from engaging in and enjoying fraternal fellowship with one another.

(b) That this Conference is of opinion that the membership of a lodge should not exceed 150.

Both of these recommendations were unanimously agreed to without discussion.

Total number of lodges, 50. Total membership, 3,964.

Grand Master, M. W. Bro. F. P. Bowden.

Grand Secretary, R. W. Bro. W. H. Strutt.

E.T.B.

TENNESSEE

This Grand Lodge held its Annual Communication in the City of Nashville on January 30, 1929. M. W. Bro. Stanley W. McDowell, Grand Master, presided and out of 454 lodges only 11 were not represented.

The Grand Master's Address is a record of a very strenuous year's work. His description of the journeys undertaken by car gave a vivid idea of the difficulties he encountered. Bad weather, heavy roads, swollen streams, automobile wrecks, spending the night in a car, stuck in the mud with the rain pouring down, several hours in a flooded creek also at night, with the car almost submerged, plowing through

muddy roads, punctures and blow-outs without number, makes an adventurous tale, but he made 336 visits, meeting the members of 371 lodges. 129 of these lodges had not been visited by a Grand Master since 1916. 39 of them had never had a visit from a Grand Master. He must have been a great inspiration to them.

One must bear in mind the number of lodges and the large total membership in this jurisdiction to preserve a sense of proportion in reading the address of the Grand Master, for he has been plain spoken as to conditions in some lodges and has not hesitated to lift charters or to encourage amalgamation wherever necessary, so that although seven charters were removed, two surrendered and thirteen lodges consolidated into six, this constitutes but a small percentage of the whole, and the facts he has brought to the attention of Grand Lodge should encourage the members to carry on their efforts to improve the general educational status of the community.

He finds education to be the great need of the time and says that unless there is an educated membership, the "possibilities, responsibilities and exalted purpose of a Masonic lodge or how to conduct one with proper order, dignity, decorum or success, cannot be conceived or carried out." He finds a direct relation between the public school and the standing of Masons and the lodge in the community. Where there is a down-at-heel, neglected school house in which a poor attempt is made to keep the school open for a few months in the year, the standard of efficiency and the physical and spiritual condition of the lodge in such a place is in keeping with the school and its building.

He found a great many lodges charging a mere nominal rate for dues, some as low as 50c a year, which is \$1.75 less than the dues to Grand Lodge. He also found the lodges which charged the least amount for dues were the ones which in many respects were the furthest from the Masonic standard of what a lodge should be and in such lodges the dues are harder to collect than those which charged much more. He points out that these lodges have nothing left to pay current expenses, keep their halls attractive, relieve distress, furnish social features, etc., and the members are prone to regard Masonry as being too cheap to be worth much.

With regard to amalgamations, he pointed out that automobiles made it no longer necessary for lodges to be so numerous or so close together, saying that two small lodges close together could accomplish more if they were united than separated—a condition that is now coming to be noticed in our own jurisdiction. He believes that when a lodge ceases to function properly and be a credit to the Fraternity, it should either consolidate with another or surrender its charter or have its charter taken from it, and he acted on this principle by suspending charters and securing the surrender of others.

He held that a corner stone of a lodge hall, laid with Masonic ceremony, may again be properly placed when the building is torn down and rebuilt a short distance away, without repeating the ceremony, though it would not be inappropriate to do so.

He ruled that a member joining a new lodge at its formation, whilst in arrears of dues to his old lodge, makes the new lodge responsible to the old lodge for any dues he owed at the time the new lodge obtains its charter and the new lodge only may prefer charges for N.P.D. after that date.

He ruled that a member must pay the whole amount of dues for the current year unless they are remitted in whole or in part, before he can receive a dimit, but Grand Lodge did not concur.

He held that a dispensation is not necessary for public installation of officers of a lodge in an auditorium other than the lodge. In Alberta, public installation is not allowed.

Fraternal Correspondence is by M. W. Bro. J. T. Peeler, who submits as his first report an excellent review. Alberta receives fraternal mention at his hands for M. W. Bro. Cruickshank's year. In kindly words he refers to the loss we sustained by the death of our late Grand Secretary, M. W. Bro. S. Y. Taylor, and he mentions the address of Bro. MacKay.

J. H. W. S. K.

TEXAS

The Ninety-fourth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Texas was held in the City of Waco on December 5th, 1929, with M. W. Bro. Frank Hartgraves, Grand Master, presiding in the Grand East.

The M. W. the Grand Master and the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Connecticut were introduced as distinguished visitors and accorded the usual honors. The usual reception to Grand Representatives was given by the Grand Master to which M. W. Bro. Sturges of the Grand Lodge of Connecticut responded. We regret to note that Alberta was not represented at this communication.

A motion was passed declaring Bro. John Watson, P.G.M., who was very ill and had fifty years service in the Grand Lodge of Texas, present at this communication.

The address of the Grand Master covers some 58 pages and gives a detailed account of his stewardship. At the outset he speaks of the loss his Grand Lodge has sustained in the passing of M. W. Bro. Joseph D. Sayers, P.G.M., a man and a Mason highly esteemed in public life and revered by his brethren. Corner stones were laid for 12 buildings and in this connection the Grand Master points out the difficulties of complying with the regulations of Grand Lodge owing to modern methods of construction and requests changes to meet these requirements.

Under the heading of "Decisions" the Grand Master ruled: That it was not permissible for a lodge to hold benefit card games, chicken dinners, etc., either in the lodge room or banquet hall, as these might bear some semblance to law violation. Held that the Lambskin should not be presented to a candidate until he has received the third degree. Held that a Grand Master has no authority to grant a dispensation to a lodge to open on Sunday for the purpose of attending Church in a body as a lodge. Held that the widow of a suspended Master Mason cannot pay up his dues and put him in good standing and thus be entitled to all the privileges of Masonry.

In all, some sixty-two decisions were given by the Grand Master and the Committee on Jurisprudence approved of them all, which action has rarely occurred in that Grand Lodge. The Grand Master is to be commended for his attitude towards the use of Masonic Emblems and the commercializing of Masonry and the fact that his recommendation to change the constitution was approved by Grand Lodge demonstrates the wisdom of his actions.

The heartburning question of suspension for N.P.D. was a vital matter in the Grand Master's address. Some 4,919 members were suspended during the year just closed and the Grand Master sent out a questionnaire on the subject and as a result of this he finds two main causes: indifference and lack of interest, and financial difficulties. Of the first cause little can be done, but of the second he suggests that accumulations during the suspension should not be charged against the brother and every inducement offered to replace the brother when his finances have been adjusted.

Under the head of "Charity Fund" the Grand Master gives a very full account of the working of this fund and the difficulties contended with. I would like to quote the following paragraph for the edification of our brethren:

"I find that some of the lodges are taking the attitude that as the membership is paying a per capita sum into this fund that the lodge itself is not responsible for its indigents, but that the Grand Lodge should take over the entire matter. This is rather a discouraging thing, because the very spirit of Masonry is best manifested where the brethren, neighbors and friends of the man, show interest in him at the time he is sick, and if this spirit should continue to grow throughout the country it will kill some of the best there is in Masonry."

That the demands made upon this fund are somewhat heavy is best demonstrated by the final paragraph on this subject:

"Again if we continue to do this work, it will become necessary for each person who applies to the lodges for the degrees, to be able not only to pass our physical tests which we now have, but that in addition thereto, he attach to his application a certificate from some reliable physician as to the soundness of his general health. Otherwise we will have our rolls encumbered with sick people beyond our capacity to take care of them."

Through the efforts of the Grand Master a Masonic Research Library has been established in Texas and we commend the wisdom in placing the funds in the hands of Dr. Joseph Fort Newton to make this purchase for them. This is a branch that cannot be neglected and will prove of great benefit to the lodges and the individual Mason.

A pleasing feature of this Grand Lodge session was the presentation by the Grand Lodge to some 36 Master Masons who had seen over forty years service in their lodges.

The Report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence is submitted by Bro. W. M. Fly, P.G.M. In this report he deals with the question of the standard of recognition to be required in giving recognition to Foreign Jurisdictions applying to the Grand Lodge of Texas. The standard set up by the Grand Lodge of North Carolina was adopted by this Grand Lodge.

Excellent addresses were delivered by the Grand Orator, the Grand Master and the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Connecticut but space prohibits us from making special comment on these.

In the review of the proceedings of Grand Lodges, Alberta receives generous consideration.

M. W. Bro. Hiram F. Lively, Grand Master.

R. W. Bro. W. B. Pearson, Grand Secretary.

Membership 146,980. Lodges, 990.

W.I.

UTAH

Fifty-eighth Annual Communication was held in the Masonic Temple, Salt Lake City, on January 15th and 16th, 1929.

Alexander E. Eberhardt, M. W. Grand Master.

Sam Henry Goodwin, R. W. Grand Secretary.

25 lodges. 5,177 members. Gain, 66.

Alberta's representative was the Grand Master, an honor which we highly appreciate. Sixteen Past Grand Masters were in attendance.

The Deputy Grand Master gave a very full account of his attendance at the meeting of the Masonic Service Association, and the changes made in its manner of operating. From this report we gather that the Association is not being generally supported by the Grand Jurisdictions south of the border.

The Grand Master's address was presented at the afternoon session of the first day. He saw a danger lest the moral and spiritual significance of Masonry be submerged by the marvelous material civilization in which we now live. Higher ideals and greater Masonic achievements should be our aim. The attempt that is being made towards Masonic education is seen to be bearing fruit. Addresses and pamphlets on the origin, meaning and scope of Masonry are being employed.

The Historical Studies are being well looked after by the Grand Secretary.

From his visitations to the various subordinate lodges the Grand Master was able to report that, with two or three possible exceptions, the lodges appeared to be in a healthy and prosperous condition. A much more satisfactory condition has resulted where a live Masonic Educational Program has been put on, and a warm, fraternal spirit cultivated. The aim of the Craft should not be more Masons, but better ones. He recommended that a Lodge of Sorrow be held annually on St. John's Day in June in memory of those Masons who have during the year gone to join the Grand Lodge above. This suggestion was approved by the Grand Lodge. As aids to better attendance the Grand Master suggested proficient and intelligent work, the cultivation of a fraternal spirit by giving more time to social intercourse, an occasional dinner, the use of music in degree work, and possibly by shortening the lectures. These recommendations were approved within limits by Grand Lodge.

The corner stones of three Churches had been laid during the year.

The Kaibab Caravan Pilgrimage was attended by the Grand Master, and he speaks very highly of this unique feature in Masonry.

A proposed Sunday picnic and dance under the auspices of one of the subordinate lodges was disapproved, and the opportunity taken to point out the sanctity of the Sabbath from the standpoint of Masonry and the national life.

The Grand Secretary comments on the growing number of suspensions for non-payment of dues—from 29 in 1928 to 93 in 1929.

Most interesting is the Grand Secretary's Historical Section dealing with the earliest days of the Craft in Utah. We notice that the price of admission to a Masonic Ball given in 1866 was the modest sum

of \$10.00. But from the quotation from the "Daily Union Vedette" describing the beauty of the ladies (seraphic in their smiles, queenly in their gaits, their toilets recherche, their touts ensembles aggravating), the charge does not seem to have been excessive.

The Report on Fraternal Correspondence is presented by R. W. Bro. Sam H. Goodwin, who writes in his usual vein. When we note the fearful row between him and Bro. W. A. DeWolf-Smith, Grand Secretary of our neighboring Province of British Columbia, we forgive him for overlooking Alberta in his Review. We almost fear that the Hundred Years' Peace will soon be broken, and the sound of guns heard on the Border!

C. V. B.

VERMONT

The M. W. the Grand Lodge of Vermont convened in the City of Burlington, for its One Hundred and Thirty-sixth Annual Communication on Wednesday the 12th June, 1929. M. W. Bro. Edwin F. Greene, Grand Master, presiding in the Grand East.

Distinguished brethren from the Grand Lodges of Maine, Connecticut and New Jersey were cordially welcomed. Telegrams conveying fraternal greetings and best wishes were passed between Vermont and the Grand Lodges of Iowa and Manitoba, who were in session at the same time.

The address of the Grand Master shows that he has pursued the even tenor of his ways, that nothing of a contentious nature has arisen during his year of office to disturb the peace and harmony prevailing in his jurisdiction, and that Masonry may be said to be in a very satisfactory condition in Vermont. On the question of Masonic Education M. W. Bro. Greene sees the necessity for a definite programme each year, and would not confine it to the younger members but feels that the older brethren are as much in need of it. In line with other Grand Lodges, Vermont was able to respond to calls for assistance from the flood-stricken areas of Florida and Porto Rico and donated liberally. Vermont has always been able to take care of its unfortunate brethren from their Charity Fund, but Bro. Greene now sees the necessity for a Home, and in this he is supported by the Committee on the Grand Master's Address.

In concluding his address Bro. Greene makes the following plea: "As we look forward to the future, let us each resolve to be Masons in fact as well as in deed. Let none of us think that because we have received the three degrees and have our name recorded on the roster of the lodge all has been done that we are called upon to do. There are daily opportunities for the manifestation of the true Masonic spirit, both within and without the lodge room. There is also a loyalty and a spirit of helpfulness that we each owe to our individual lodges. I trust that you will join with me today in pledging ourselves to a greater loyalty and allegiance to all that Masonry stands for and that the new year may prove to be the best in every way that we have experienced."

The report of the Grand Secretary shows an increase of membership of 126. The amount expended on Charity and Relief Work was \$15,949.74.

The District Deputies' reports show that Masonry has been active; District meetings were held in every district at which the Grand Lecturer supervised the work, and the reports show conditions to be highly satisfactory.

The Report on the Foreign Correspondence is presented by M. W. Bro. A. S. Harriman and Alberta's proceedings of 1928 are fully covered.

M. W. Bro. Edwin F. Greene, Grand Master.

M. W. Bro. Archie S. Harriman, Grand Secretary.

Membership 19,558.

W.I.

VIRGINIA

At Richmond in a three-day session, February 12, 13 and 14, 1929, was held the One Hundred and Fifty-first Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge, Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of Virginia. M. W. Brother William L. Davis, Grand Master. The official representative of Alberta was in attendance and was received.

Much time and careful thought was spent by the Grand Master in dealing with the problems confronting the Craft, the result of which is found in his many recommendations for changes and additions to the "Digest." His recommendations included:—

1. The principle that in addition to the children maintained at the Home, where conditions are favorable, children shall be supported in private homes. For some reason not disclosed this matter did not receive the sanction of Grand Lodge. Alberta has found the same principle very satisfactory indeed in taking care of all of its cases, both young and old, as it proves better for the individuals themselves, enabling them to retain their independence and making re-establishment easier, and it is much less costly than maintaining an elaborate institution which has a way of always needing repairs and of being overcrowded.

2. The Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary to be a committee to award educational loans to children in the home, and the funds to be raised by voluntary subscription in the lodges.

3. The printed proceedings of Grand Lodge, though distributed, are to remain the property of Grand Lodge and the use of the same for any purpose other than Masonic shall constitute an offense. The reason for this was not given but the supposition is that contained in the proceedings is a complete list of all Masons in the jurisdiction together with the name of the lodge, and these have been used for other than Masonic purposes. If that be the reason we are bound to say that we never could see the necessity of printing these names anyway and it would seem much simpler and less expensive to discontinue the practice.

4. That in order to raise enough money to build an Old Folks Home an assessment of \$2.00 per member per year be made for the next ten years. This was not adopted, but it was decided to continue the effort to raise money by subscription.

5. That no Mason shall be permitted to join any of the "parasite orders" whose membership is based on Masonic affiliation which may hereafter be organized in Virginia, nor may Masonic halls be rented to such orders. This did not of course refer to the recognized "higher bodies" but to that innumerable list of satellites which bask in the effulgence of the Masonic ray.

6. The prohibition of lodges from being interested in raffles and lotteries.

7. The permission of dual membership, but not in the same Masonic district.

Those persons in Alberta who are impatiently demanding the erection of a Home should note the following. Virginia has been proposing to build an Old Folks Home and subscriptions have been sought for several years, but unfortunately with decreasing results, which caused the Grand Master to recommend as noted above. The proposal is for a Home to accommodate about 200 which would cost between \$400,000.00 and \$500,000.00 to build. Operation and maintenance would cost \$80,000.00 per year which would require an endowment of \$1,600,000.00 at 5 per cent. In order to ascertain about how many might be expected to apply for admittance, the Grand Master sent a questionnaire to all lodges. Replies were received from 238 lodges with a membership of 35,614 indicating that there were 307 eligible. The Grand Master stated he believed that the average of .86 per cent would hold for the total 352 lodges with membership of 48,782 which would mean a possible of 421 who would be eligible for the Home, or somewhat more than double the number the prospective institution would accommodate. Based on the figures of cost of maintenance it would mean an annual cost of about \$168,000.00. How these people are being cared for at the moment is not disclosed, but they are only costing lodges \$10,000.00 and the Charity Committee \$7,000.00 per year, or less than one sixth of the cost of keeping them in a Home, to say nothing of the building outlay. Freemasonry is not a glorious benevolent society, indeed it promises nothing to its adherents. To the reviewer the matter is perfectly clear. If it is desired to improve the standard of living of some of our dependents, why not increase the amount of their allowance, maintaining them amid happy surroundings of friends and familiar things, rather than to erect a costly "institution," much of the upkeep of which going to pay interest on big mortgages, and which does not better serve our people. In spite of the figures, Virginia decided to struggle on for subscriptions, with the valiant hope of some day erecting the Home.

On the recommendation of the Jurisprudence Committee it was adopted that as from December, 1931, no brother shall be installed Master of a lodge unless he can confer the three degrees including the lectures and has a certificate from the Grand Lecturer showing him qualified.

The initial effort of Brother James M. Clift, as chairman of the correspondence report is worthy of compliment. It is divided into sections, United States, British Isles, Canada, Australia, and "other Grand Lodges."

Lodges 352. Membership 48,782. Gain, 220.

Grand Master M. W. Brother John T. Cochran.

V.H.M.

WEST VIRGINIA

The Annual Communication was held in the City of Clarksburg on November 9, 1929, with M. W. Bro. Boyd Wees, Grand Master, presiding.

Seventeen out of twenty of their Past Grand Masters were present. Alberta was represented by V. W. Bro. Frank F. Flaig, Senior Grand Deacon, who was elected at this communication to the office of Junior Grand Warden. Congratulations Bro. Flaig.

On the reception of the Grand Representatives, W. Bro. Wade Coffman, who introduced them, took the opportunity to emphasize the adherence of West Virginia to the same principles and tenets, with the same practices, customs and regulations of the Grand Bodies represented by these brethren, thus making a part of the Great Brotherhood the world over.

The Grand Master or his representatives laid no less than fifteen corner stones.

He mentions only four decisions made by him, one of which was: An applicant applied twice to the same lodge, a term of years elapsing between applications. He was rejected and a letter, signed by the three principal officers, the Senior Deacon and Secretary, was received by the Grand Master, stating that as the petitioner was a man of exceptional character, would it be possible to give him permission to apply to another lodge? The Grand Master ruled that he had no such power, and rightly so. The lodge is the sole judge of the fitness of the material offered and such permission might result in a rupture of the harmony which should exist between lodges as well as within the membership of each lodge.

The Grand Master states that 145 reports were received from fourteen D.D.G.M.'s. He comments on the great difference apparent between lodges with regard to arrears in dues and is persuaded that the matter of collecting dues depends on the lodge Secretary, remarking that an efficient and energetic secretary does get in the dues and keeps the membership paid up.

Their Masonic Home Report of the Board of Governors sounds a little pessimistic as to the support of the Home. They have 72 residents and they report a total expense of \$42,564.46, divided as follows: \$25,534.40 for maintenance proper, \$9,327.16 for farm, and \$7,603.90 for permanent improvements, estimating the cost per resident of \$438.38 per annum. They emphasize the fact that the time is at hand when additional quarters will be needed to provide for "our rapidly increasing population." They also require more land and "forward a strong plea for donations for this purpose."

The Committee on Returns of Chartered Lodges report with joy the receipt of returns from all lodges, saying, "So far as we are informed, this is the first time in the history of Grand Lodge that all reports have been made in time for consideration." As this was their 65th Annual Communication, it takes time to impress the Secretaries with the importance of making their returns promptly.

The report on Correspondence is by M. W. Bro. Louis N. Tavenner. Alberta for 1928 receives fraternal notice at his hands and he quotes appreciatively from Bro. MacKay's "splendid address."

J.H.W.S.K.

WASHINGTON

Seventy-second Annual Communication held at Tacoma, June 18th, 1929. In the Grand East, M. W. Bro. John E. Fowler, Grand Master.

Alberta was represented by Bro. Frank N. McCandless.

Grand Lodge was opened in ample form and the delegates were cordially welcomed in an inspiring address by W. Bro. Edward B. King in name of the lodges of Tacoma and vicinity. The Junior Grand Warden fittingly replied for Grand Lodge.

The Grand Master's address, while largely, as we expect, a summary of his doings, contains provocative material for thinking Masons. For instance, speaking of his visit to the conference of Grand Masters and finding there that the problems of all jurisdictions are pretty much alike and akin to those of Masters and lodges, he says: "The problems that confront Grand Masters and Grand Lodges are the same as those that Masters and lodges have to deal with. I doubt if their solution will be wrought in high places."

He disparages degree "teams" having no connection with a particular constituted lodge and is not over-enthusiastic about teams even when they are. "Team is not a Masonic term," he says, "and the practice is largely aped from other organizations."

A handsome donation of land for Grand Lodge purposes by one of the brethren is recorded.

An interesting case in the question of jurisdiction is cited. An applicant had been rejected in a lodge in Pennsylvania. He moved to Washington and later joined there. Still later he presumably returns to Pennsylvania where he is refused recognition. Pennsylvania claims perpetual jurisdiction and contends that Washington should have sought waiver from the Pennsylvania lodge. A nice kettle of fish, my masters.

Our brethren in the United States are fond of doing the big thing and we are glad to see that the George Washington Memorial is nearing a completion. The silence of Grand Lodge when they speak of being "importuned to increase our subscription" where the proceedings say "This matter is reported, without recommendation, for the consideration of Grand Lodge" has eloquent subtlety about it. As a diligent reader of Grand Lodge proceedings we have read between the lines regarding this amazing project and sense that the levy has not been an unqualified success.

We yearn to quote the remarks of the Grand Master in full when speaking on lodge attendance, but space forbids. We quote one paragraph which perhaps contains the thread of his discourse and to its content we most heartily subscribe:

"It is quite evident that this matter of attendance and interest and a proper understanding of the nature of the Institution merits careful and continued consideration on our part. In our efforts to increase and maintain interest, let us not lay violent hands on usage and custom and bend the Institution to meet every varying condition of Society. If we do, we have no further right to the name of Institution. However, let us not be unmindful of the fact that we are trying to interest men of intellect with ever increasing demands on their time and we must make it well worth the time spent, if we want their time and attention.

"Our custom and almost unwritten law that lodge officers must be regularly advanced, once appointed or elected, has fastened on many lodges a regime of ritualists, mumbling at that, who have neither the education nor experience needed to fit them to preside over the affairs of a lodge with efficiency and dignity."

On Masonic Conduct, he says in part: "There is some excuse if we make mistakes and permit unworthy material to gain admission to our lodges, but no reasonable argument can be advanced for failure to purge the institution of those who are no longer of good repute before the world."

On Masonic Research and Education he sums up a world of honest horse sense when he says: "May I commend a policy of directed self-education." After all is said and done the only education is self-education and if a brother can be induced to seek the Lost Word for himself with our direction he may find it. We can never ram it down his throat.

Altogether we enjoyed reading Bro. John Fowler's address. He is a thinker, not afraid to put his finger on a weak spot and he has the delightful knack of saying just enough to set the other fellow thinking without "flying off the handle." A priceless gift, M. W. Sir!

Masonic Homes cost money and a significant remark in the Grand Secretary's report proves it: ". . . I am satisfied that an increase in the per capita of the Masonic Homes dues will be necessary to meet these continually increasing expenses."

The oration of W. Bro. James P. H. Callahan, Grand Orator, is an impassioned appeal for ultra-conservatism. While we agree that a General Grand Lodge may be impractical and while we agree that Freemasonry is not a political institution we must say frankly that we are of a modernistic tendency and reject any standpat ideas. Communism, Bolshevism and their ilk are fine red herrings across the trail of progress, but thinking men, and we hope we are such, who sense the gropings in almost every copy of Grand Lodge proceedings coming to their hands will not be unduly alarmed by such bogeys and certainly will not try to go forward with their eyes fixed behind.

A letter of protest is recorded of interest to the fundamentalists and blind perfect ritualists as much for the action it precipitated as for the letter itself. It appears that the Committee on Masonic Research and Education issued a circular letter suggesting an interpretation of the Legend of the Third Degree. Certain brethren protested the interpretation as untrue. In his reply the Grand Master says: "The teachings of Masonry and the interpretation thereof are not dogmatic. If the brethren do not believe this thing, don't believe it. We are not going to cram anything down anybody's throat." We are glad to see that Grand Lodge sustained her Grand Master.

The loss of two Past Grand Masters is recorded and sympathetic memorial notices appear.

Voluminous statistics round out the proceedings and a full report of foreign correspondence, in which Alberta receives friendly and generous mention, closes the book.

Next communication at Tacoma, June 17th, 1930.

Grand Master, Arthur W. Davis, Spokane.

Grand Secretary, Horace W. Tyler, Tacoma.

A. M. M.

WESTERN AUSTRALIA

Quarterly Communications of the Grand Lodge were held in August and November, 1928, and February, 1929, the Annual Communication May 23rd, 1929.

At the August Quarterly Meeting the Deputy Grand Master commented forcibly and eloquently on the duties of Committees of Inquiry and emphasized the point as did our own Grand Master, M. W. Bro. Mitchell, during his term, that in case of doubt of the suitability of a proposed member the Craft should be given the benefit of the doubt and the applicant be not admitted.

Grand Lodge adopted the recommendation of the Third Australian Masonic Conference, namely:

That no Free Mason of that jurisdiction be permitted to attend any meeting or be a member of the Order of the Eastern Star and that no meeting of the Order of the Eastern Star be permitted in any Lodge Room.

At the Annual Communication of Grand Lodge the Address of the Grand Master was read, he being absent through illness. Upon completion of the reading of the business portion of the Address the lodge was addressed by the Grand Master from his bedside by loud speaker.

Several of the Inspectors of Districts mention the fact that the lodge is not started punctually.

The Widows' and Orphans' Fund reports that it is contributing to 117 children, 13 aged Free Masons and 18 aged widows, requiring the annual expenditure of over \$14,000. The capital of the Fund stands at over \$175,000, an increase of over \$15,000 during the last twelve months. All cases of Masonic Relief by the Fund are passed on in open lodges.

The total funds of Grand Lodge amount to over \$375,000, a gain of nearly \$30,000 during the last twelve months.

The very popular Grand Master, M. W. Bro. Most Rev. C. O. L. Reilly, Archbishop of Perth, was again re-elected Grand Master.

The report contains a very full and interesting Review of the Foreign Correspondence, prefaced by a very interesting and readable Summary of the Review by the Chairman of the Board, R. W. Bro. J. W. E. Archdeacon. This Summary is so well done that we make the suggestion that it be made more ample in future numbers.

Lodges, 144. Total membership, 8117.

Grand Master, M. W. Bro. Most Rev. C. O. L. Reilly, Archbishop of Perth.

Grand Secretary, R. W. Bro. J. D. Stevenson.

E.T.B.

WYOMING

Fifty-fifth Annual Communication, August 28 and 29, 1929, at Sheridan.

Guy J. Gay, Grand Master.

Joseph M. Lowndes, Grand Secretary.

48 lodges (including 2 U.D.) 8,361 members. Gain, 216.

43 lodges were represented at this communication.

Three Special Communications were held during the year, two to lay the corner stone of new high schools at Laramie and Pine Bluffs respectively, and one to lay the corner stone of the Old Timers' Building at Rock Springs.

The Grand Master was able to report that he had visited every lodge in the State, and the detailed report of these visits show him to have been a very busy man indeed, and very active and conscientious in discharging the duties of his high office.

A strong effort is being made to secure uniform degree work among the several subordinate lodges. Apparently this is greatly needed, as at present very wide diversity seems to obtain. The Grand Secretary has this feature of Masonic work under his special care, and is making a success of it.

Subordinate lodges, when proposing to build a Temple, are now required to submit certified estimates with their plans for approval by the Grand Master, as it has been found that they have been getting into financial difficulties through embarking on too ambitious schemes.

The Grand Treasurer reported the comfortable surplus of \$23,026.06 on hand.

The Grand Historian, Bro. Alfred J. Mokler, gave an interesting report of his attendance at the Conference of the Grand Masters of Masons in the United States at the City of Washington, D.C., and of the progress that is being made on the magnificent Temple being erected at Alexandria, Virginia, to the memory of George Washington, the Mason. Wyoming has now joined the number of Grand Jurisdictions that have made 100 per cent contribution to the cost of this Temple.

The Committee on Appeals and Grievances had nothing to require their attention, a very strong proof that peace and harmony prevail among the brethren throughout the jurisdiction.

The Report on Fraternal Correspondence is made by the Grand Secretary, who reviewed sixty-three Grand Jurisdictions. Much interesting and instructive material has been gleaned from this Masonic field. Alberta received sympathetic mention.

C.V.B.

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